

A Passage to Africa

Mrs B's Class notes

Remember: PAC – Purpose? Audience? Context?

PURPOSE

GA JOURNALIST and BBC Reporter. Long career. Reflecting on how he reported crisis in area of Africa in his own AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL account. Writing about himself – purpose to ENTERTAIN and INFORMA. Also a sense that this is a CATHARTIC exercise (i.e. revisiting areas of his life he feels GUILTY about in order to make ammends/feel better).

AUDIENCE

Fellow journalists/people interested in his career.

CONTEXT

AUTOBIOGRAPHY, LOOKING BACK. African civil war, extreme poverty. SENSATIONALISM OF JOURNALISM – A BAD THING. Search for extreme, graphic and shocking images for the watchers/readers. FEELS GUILTY for seeing them as ANIMALS not PEOPLE.

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Short, starts 'IN MEDIA RES' (Posh term for 'in the middle of things' - creates a sense of chaos and overwhelms he felt)