ORPHAN TRAIN RIDER: ONE BOY’S TRUE STORY-BY: ANDREA WARREN

AS WE READ, WE ASK OURSELVES AND TAKE NOTES:

WHAT IS THE AUTHOR’S PURPOSE IN SHARING THIS INFO WITH US? I KNOW THIS BECAUSE…THIS MAKES ME THINK THAT.

WE FIGURE OUT AUTHOR’S PURPOSE BY LOOKING AT:

* WORD CHOICE-POSING QUESTIONS TO READERS
* EVIDENCE-INFO
* ANGLE
* TEXT FEATURES

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| IMPORTANT FACTS-WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE WHY HOW | INTERESTING FACTS | OUR THINKING…WONDERING… |
| * INTRO; More than 200,000 children rode these trains between 1854-1930. These kids didn’t have parents or their parents couldn’t take care of them.
* They came from eastern cities like New York City and went west.
 | * Wow, families chose these kids from lineups and based on how they looked.
* The elderly who were once orphan train riders don’t want to talk about their experiences-ashamed.
 | * This reminds me of my dad—survivor of the Holocaust during World War 2. He didn’t wan’t to talk much about what happened to him—he lost 80 family members. It was too sad or too traumatic. It makes me think orphan train riders felt the same way.
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| CHAPTER ONE: Lee Nailing and his brother, Gerald were two orphans from Watertown NY who ended up in an orphanage when mom died and dad could no longer care for them. | They felt like outcasts as orphans. |  |