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Author's Purpose

- The **author's purpose** is the reason or reasons why an author writes, such as *to inform*, *to persuade*, *to express* or *to entertain*.
- An author may have one or more reasons for writing.

Directions Reread *The Elk Hunters*. Then answer the questions below.

1. Why do you think the author of *The Elk Hunter* had all the people working together to push up the sky?

2. Name two details that the author gave about the Snohomish people that tell you something about their lives.

3. Why do you think the author wrote that the Snohomish people named a part of a constellation after the elk?

4. What was the author's purpose in writing that the Snohomish people bumped their heads on the stars?

5. Why do you think the author wrote that the people needed a word as a signal to mean "lift up the sky"?
