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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.

**Possible responses given.**

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

**to show that people working together can accomplish**

**great things; to entertain**

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

**They lived in what is now Washington state; they hunted elk.**

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

**to show that they honored the elk that they hunted**

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

**to make me laugh; to entertain**

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

**because no one spoke the same language**