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# Author's Purpose

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- The **author's purpose** is the reason or reasons an author has for writing.
  - An author may have one or more reasons for writing. He or she may want *to inform*, *to entertain*, *to persuade*, or *to express* a mood or feeling.
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**Directions** Reread *Star Tracks*. Then answer the questions about author's purpose below.

1. Why do you think the author began this reader by describing driving to a soccer match when you don't know the way?

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2. Why did the author include a passage about Columbus?

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3. What does the author want you to know about early explorers and the sky?

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4. On page 10, why did the author want you to think about how the ocean looked at night?

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5. What did the author want you to know about Galileo?

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