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**SKILL: Author’s Purpose**

A writer may have many reasons for writing a particular piece. Each of these reasons is referred to as the author’s purpose. A writer typically writes a memoir, or true account of personal experiences, for one or more of these reasons:

• to inform the reader about his or her life

• to share thoughts and feelings

• to entertain readers with a good story

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