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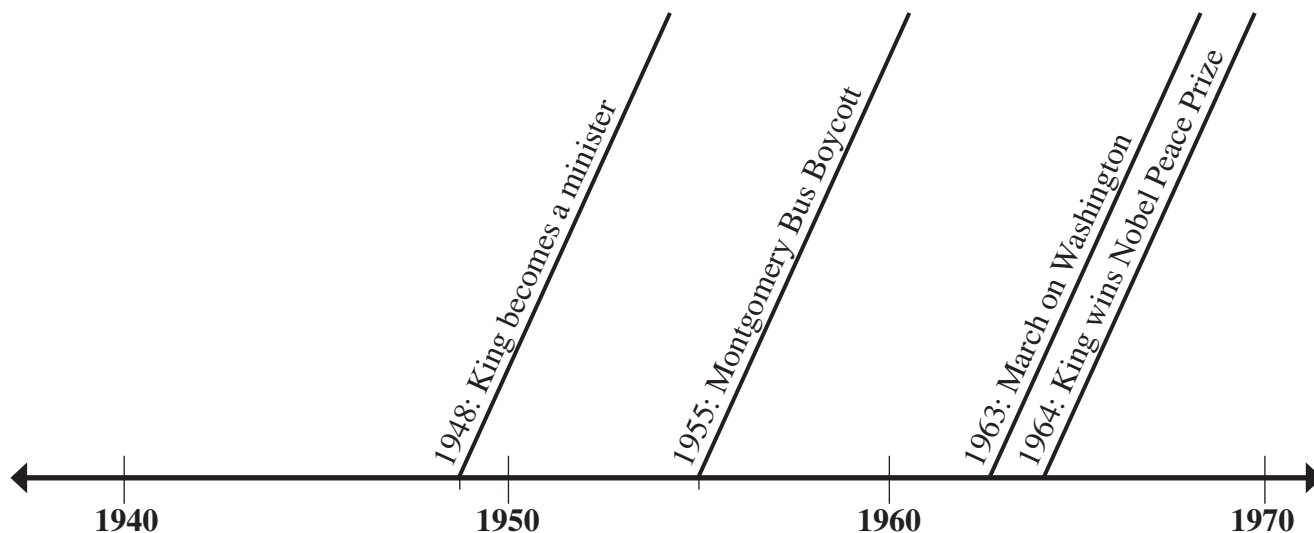
## Author's Purpose

- The **author's purpose** is the reason or reasons the author has for writing.
- An author may write to persuade, to inform, to entertain, or to express himself or herself.

**Directions** Read the following passage and look at the time line to answer the questions below.

**T**he Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. was an important leader of the civil rights movement. In 1948, at the age of 19, King became a minister. During his lifetime, he organized many civil rights protests, including the Montgomery

Bus Boycott and the Freedom March on Washington, D.C. Because of his frequent participation in civil rights protests, he was arrested 30 times. King received the Nobel Peace Prize for his work. Dr. King is a truly a hero of freedom in America.



1. For what purpose did the author write this passage?  
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2. How does the time line support the author's purpose?  
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3. How many years passed between Dr. King becoming a minister and the March on Washington?  
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4. What happened first, the Montgomery Bus Boycott or the Freedom March on Washington?  
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**Home Activity** Your child analyzed the author's purpose in a nonfiction passage. Look at an article in a newspaper or magazine. Read the article with your child and discuss what you think is the author's purpose.