

Names/Nombres (page 37) **Active Reading SkillBuilder****Identifying Author's Purpose**

In a single piece of writing, an author may have more than one **purpose** in mind. For example, entertaining readers, expressing ideas and feelings, providing information or explanations, and trying to persuade are the main purposes an author may have in writing a personal essay. Use the following chart to help you identify Julia Alvarez's purpose(s) for writing "Names/Nombres." Identify text that supports your ideas.

Purpose	Supporting Text