Civil Rights: Potential Author's Purposes

Why did the author use or alter history?

• Demonstrate racism, discrimination, prejudice, etc.
• Build historical background of racism/civil rights movement
• Show the efforts of civil rights activists
• Convey the conflicts of integration/segregation
• Contrast the viewpoints of whites and African-Americans
• Add drama or suspense
• Create conflict (internal or external)
• Make the story relatable to a specific audience
• Highlight relationships between characters
• Represent the thoughts or feelings of those involved in a true event
• To create feelings of empathy in the reader
• To build a connection with modern civil rights activists or movements