

SOAPSTone Graphic Organizer

Title of Piece:

Author:

Speaker

Who is the speaker? What do you know about this person from history that helps you trust them? Or not trust them? How does their background form their opinions?

Occasion

What is the occasion for this argument? When did this piece take place? What are the larger and immediate occasions for this argument?

Audience

Who is the audience? What group of readers is this piece meant for? Or, who would be the ideal audience for this piece?

Purpose

What is the purpose of this piece? What is the author's motivation for writing? What do they hope to accomplish? Why was this piece written?

Subject

What is the subject? What is the piece about, specifically? How do you know this? What kind of argument does the author make about the subject?

Tone

What is the tone of the piece? Does their attitude affect how the argument is made? How is the tone made known? (think: syntax, diction, and imagery)