

Vietnam War SOAPStone

Speaker	<p>Who is the voice of the document?</p> <p>What role does he play in an historic event?</p> <p>What is his background that is relevant to the topic?</p> <p>What bias might the speaker have? How does his bias impact the author's argument?</p>
Occasion	<p>Larger occasion: an environment of ideas, attitudes, and emotions that swirl around a broad issue.</p> <p>Time:</p> <p>Place:</p> <p>Immediate occasion: an event or situation that catches the writer's attention and triggers a response.</p> <p>Time:</p> <p>Place:</p> <p>Analyze how the occasion (larger and immediate) impact the author's argument.</p>
Audience	<p>To whom is the piece directed?</p> <p>What key words/phrases does he use to address that specific audience?</p> <p>What might attitudes of that audience be toward the topic (Vietnam War)?</p> <p>Who might be the potential audience he's addressing and the attitudes of that audience toward the topic? (Who else might read this?)</p>
Purpose	<p>What is the purpose or reason this piece was written?</p> <p>What explicit (clearly stated in the document) goals did the author have in mind?</p> <p>What implicit (NOT stated in the document but implied) goals did the author have in mind?</p> <p>What were some significant shifts (changes) in the document that relate to the author's purpose?</p>
Subject	<p>What are the general topics and ideas contained in the text?</p>
Tone	<p>What is the attitude or emotional characteristics present in the piece?</p> <p>Give specific words/phrases as examples of this tone or attitude.</p> <p>Analyze how the tone (choice of words, emotions, imagery) reveals the author's attitude toward the subject.</p> <p>Analyze how different aspects of the text reinforce the tone. (Cite specific examples from the document & analyze how those words support/strength the tone.)</p>