

# SOAPSTONE

## Using SOAPStone

Being able to read/understand multiple layers of meaning in the text is especially important. Every time you read it is important that you consider and annotate for this categories. Use the questions below to focus your thoughts.

## SPEAKER

- Questions to Consider:
  - What are their values?
  - What kind of person do they seem to be?
    - What textual evidence proves this?
  - What is their education or experience?

*Please remember the speaker is not always the author.*

## OCCASION

- What caused this text to be written?
- What event/issue forced the author to write?

## AUDIENCE

- Who is this written for? Be specific.
- What can be described about this group?
  - Think: age, socioeconomic status, education/experience

## PURPOSE

- What is the ultimate goal of the author?
- What “change” do they want to accomplish?

## SUBJECT

- What is the topic of this text?

## TONE

- What is the author’s attitude?
- What emotions do they rely upon within their argument?

*Complete the SOAPSTone chart. Write complete sentence. Treat response as if they are commentary. Construct two argument sentences.*

Speaker	
Occasion	
Audience	
Purpose	
Subject	
Tone	

Claim#1 \_\_\_\_\_

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Claim #2 \_\_\_\_\_

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