

SOAPSTone

Title of reading:

Speaker	Whose voice is telling the story?	Remember that it is not enough simply to name the speaker. What can you say about the speaker based on references to the text?	
Occasion	What is the time, place, current situation, context in which the author is writing?	Be certain to discuss and record both the larger occasion, that is, those issues or ideas that must have made the speaker think about this issue, as well as the immediate occasion.	
Audience	Who is the intended audience for the piece?	At whom is this text directed? It's not enough to say "Anyone who read it." You will want to identify a certain audience by describing some of its characteristics.	
Purpose	Why is the author writing?	The purpose could be purely a personal one; i.e. to assuage guilt, to encourage action. But it could also be directed at the audience; you will have to decide what the message is and how the author wants this audience to respond.	
Subject	Briefly state the main idea(s) of the article.	You should be able to state the subject in a few words or a very short phrase.	
Tone	What is the feeling or manner of expression used by the author?	Try to choose a description of the tone that fits the piece as a whole. Include specific words or phrases from the text and explain how they support your statement.	

Tone words:

Afraid Allusive Angry Apologetic Audacious Benevolent Bitter Boring Candid Celebratory	Childish Cold Complimentary Condescending Confused Contemptuous Defensive Detached Didactic Dramatic	Dreamy Encouraging Fanciful Frivolous Giddy Happy Hollow Horrific Humorous Inflammatory	Inspiring Irreverent Joking Joyful Mocking Nostalgic Objective Peaceful Pitiful Poignant	Proud Provocative Restrained Sad Sarcastic Seductive Sentimental Sharp Shocking Silly	Somber Sweet Sympathetic Tired Upset Urgent Vexed Vibrant Zealous
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Identify 3 to 5 important facts/reasons the author offers to support the main idea.

Identify any examples of bias or faulty reasoning you found in the article.

How is information discussed in the article relevant for today?