

Essay Analysis: S.O.A.P.S. Tone

<p>What is the subject? The general topic, content, and ideas contained in the text. State the subject in a few words or a short phrase.</p>	
<p>What is the occasion? The time and place of the piece; the current situation. It is particularly important that you understand and explain the context that encouraged the writing to happen.</p>	
<p>Who is the audience? Audience is the group of readers to whom the piece is directed. The audience may be one person, a small group or a large group; it may be a certain person or people.</p>	
<p>What is the purpose? Purpose is the reason behind the text (e.g., to inform, persuade, entertain, gain sympathy, encourage, gain support).</p>	
<p>Who is the speaker? The speaker is the voice that tells the story. The narrator and author are usually not the same.</p>	
<p>What is the tone? To pinpoint the tone, infer the way the author feels towards the subject or characters, or events, or audience. Does the narrator or author shift tone? (Some examples of tone: critical, sarcastic, mocking, joyful, compassionate, disgusted, fearful, anxious, ironic, intimidated, shallow, confident, innocent, playful, enraged, repulsed, appalled...)</p>	
<p>List five significant points made in this essay. Quote the text line (first word...last word) that caused you to see each point as significant. (list on back)</p>	