

Introduction to SOAPPS-Tone Primary Source Analysis

SUBJECT	<i>What is the main topic or idea of the document? Be able to summarize the main idea in one sentence and no more. What kind of history or ideas does it address?</i>
OCCASION	<i>Where and when was the document produced? What was happening during the time the document was written? Are there any major historical events or trends associated with this document? What is the historical context and how did it influence the document?</i>
AUDIENCE	<i>For whom was the document original written/produced? How might an audience have received this document and why?</i>
PURPOSE	<i>Why was the document produced? What did the producer hope to accomplish through his words or images? What can we infer?</i>
POINT OF VIEW	<i>What does the writer or producer believe that may affect how the document was created? What evidence of hidden biases or prejudices do you see in the document?</i>
SPEAKER	<i>Who is the speaker or producer? What can you tell me about his background? How might his personal background have influenced his work? Are they reliable?</i>
TO NE	<i>What feeling or attitude does this document express? Use descriptive adjectives and adverbs.</i>

Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

SOAPPS-Tone Primary Source Analysis Form

Directions: Using the document provided, analyze each part of the SOAPPS-Tone acronym.
Write your conclusions below. Then determine if the document is reliable.

1. Relevant Identifying Info (Title, Date, etc.)

2. Subject:

3. Occasion:

4. Audience:

5. Purpose:

6. Point of View:

7. Speaker:

8. TONE: