

## S.O.A.P.S.Tone

- Speaker:** Is there someone identified as the speaker?  
Can you make some assumptions about this person? What class does the author come from? What political bias can be inferred? What gender?
- Occasion:** What may have prompted the author to write this piece?  
What event led to its publication or development?
- Audience:** Does the speaker identify an audience?  
What assumptions can you make about the audiences? Is it mixed in terms of: race, politics, gender, social class, religion, etc.?  
Does the speaker use language that is specific for a unique audience?  
Does the speaker evoke Nation? Liberty? God? History? Hell?  
Does the speaker allude to any particular time in history such as ancient times? Industrial Revolution, World Wars? Vietnam?
- Purpose:** What is the speaker's purpose?  
In what ways does the author convey this message?  
How is the speaker trying to spark a reaction in the audience?  
How is this document supposed to make you feel?
- Subject:** What is the subject of the piece? How do you know this?  
How has the subject been selected and presented by the author?
- Tone:** What seems to be the emotional state of the speaker? What words or phrases show the speaker's tone? What is the author's attitude toward the subject? How is the writer's attitude revealed?