

## SOAPStone Graphic Organizer for Rhetorical Analysis

### Citing Evidence in Persuasive Text

CLOSE READING			How do you know? Cite specific evidence in the text.
S	Who is the Speaker?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who is the speaker?</li> <li>• Identify the speaker's age, gender, class, and education.</li> <li>• The <b>voice</b> tells the story. <b>Whose voice is being heard</b> within the text?</li> <li>• What can you tell or what do you know about the speaker that helps you understand the <b>point of view</b> expressed?</li> </ul>	
O	What is the Occasion?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the <b>time and place</b> of the piece? What is the current <b>situation</b> (that prompted the writing)?</li> <li>• Is this a political event, a celebration, an observation, a critique, or ...?</li> <li>• Identify the <b>context</b> of the text.</li> </ul>	
A	Who is the Audience?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who are the readers to whom this piece is directed? It may be one person or a specific group.</li> <li>• Does the speaker specify an <b>audience</b>?</li> <li>• What assumptions exist in the text about the intended audience?</li> </ul>	
P	What is the Purpose?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the <b>purpose</b> behind the text? Why did the author write it? What is his goal? (To find the purpose, ask, "What did the author want his audience to think or do as a result of reading this text?")</li> <li>• What is the <b>message</b>?</li> <li>• <b>How does the speaker convey this message?</b></li> </ul>	
S	What is the Subject?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What <b>topic, content, and ideas</b> are included in the text?</li> <li>• State the subject in a few words or a short phrase.</li> <li>• <b>Is there more than one subject?</b></li> <li>• How does the author <b>present</b> the subject? Does he introduce it immediately or do you, the reader, have to make an <b>inference</b>?</li> </ul>	
TONE	TONE What is the Tone?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the <b>attitude of the author</b>?</li> <li>• Is the <b>author emotional, objective, neutral, or biased</b> about this topic?</li> <li>• What types of details "<b>tell</b>" the author's feelings about the topic?</li> <li>• What types of <b>diction</b> (choice of words), <b>syntax</b> (sentence structure), and <b>imagery</b> (metaphors, similes, and other types of figurative language) help reflect the <b>tone</b>?</li> <li>• How would you <b>read</b> the passage <b>aloud</b> if you were the author?</li> </ul>	