SOAPSTone WORKSHEET

(The following two pages are a graphic organizer to be used for text analysis)

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| S | What is the subject of the piece?  What are the general topics and/or ideas contained in the text? |  |
| O | What is the occasion?  What are the time, place, and setting of the piece? |  |
| A | Who is the audience?  To whom is the piece directed? |  |
| P | What is the purpose?  What is the purpose or reason this piece was written? |  |
| S | Who is the speaker?  Who is the voice that tells the story? |  |
| Tone | What is the tone of the text?  What is the attitude or emotional characteristics in the text? |  |

SOAPSTone Description

Who is the Subject?

* What is the general topic, content, or idea contained in the text?
* Summarize in a few words or phrase.

What is the Occasion?

* What is the time and place? The context in which the text was created?
* What is the Geographic and Historic intersection at which this source was produced?

Who is the Audience?

* The readers to whom this document is directed.
* The audience may be one person, a small group, or a large group; it may be a certain person or certain people.

What is the Purpose?

* What is the reason behind the text?
* Why was it written?
* What goal did the author have in mind?

Who is the Speaker?

* Who is the voice that tells the story?

What is the Tone?

* What is the attitude expressed by the speaker?
* Examine the choice of words, emotions expressed, imagery used, etc., to determine the speaker’s attitude.