

# SOAPStone

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		As you read, look for these details...	How do you know? Cite specific evidence from the text.
<b>S</b>	Who is the Speaker?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What can you tell or what do you know about the speaker that helps you understand the point of view expressed?</li> </ul>	
<b>O</b>	What is the Occasion?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is the time and place of the text? What caused this text to be written? Identify the <u>context</u> of the text.</li> </ul>	
<b>A</b>	Who is the Audience?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To whom is this text addressed? Does the speaker specify an audience? What does the author assume about the intended audience?</li> </ul>	
<b>P</b>	What is the Purpose?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What did the author want the audience to think or do as a result of reading this text? Why did the author write it?</li> <li>What is the message? How does the speaker convey this message?</li> <li>What is the author's claim (implied or stated)?</li> </ul>	
<b>S</b>	What is the Subject?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What topic, content, and ideas are included in the text?</li> <li>How does the author present the subject? Does he introduce it immediately or do you, the reader, have to make an inference?</li> </ul>	
<b>TO</b>	What is the Tone?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is the author's attitude about the subject? Is the author emotional? Objective? Angry? How would you read the passage aloud if you were the author?</li> <li>What details "tell" the author's feelings about the topic? What words, phrases, imagery, examples, etc. reveal the tone?</li> </ul>	
<b>RW</b>	FINAL ANALYSIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In what way did this example display some of aspects mentioned in Bunn's article? List a series of questions that came to mind as you read this text like a writer, -OR- create a list of excerpts where you have taken note of the author's strategic choices.</li> </ul>	