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| S Speaker  O Occasion  A Audience  P Purpose  S Subject  T Tone | SOAPSTone can be used as an introductory strategy for primary source analysis. It can be used to build fundamental skills for AP work: developing arguments; analyzing points of view, context, and bias; and assessing issues of change and continuity over time.  The elements include:  **Speaker:** Who or what delivers the message of the passage. (This may not always be the author.)  **Occasion:** Where and when was the passage produced? What was happening there at the time?  **Audience:** For whom was the document produced?  **Purpose:** Why was the document produced?  **Subject:** What is the main topic of the document?  **Tone:** What feeling or attitude does the document express?  This strategy can be used to analyze political cartoons, posters, photos, poems, artistic representations, or almost any other primary source. |