

SOAPStone

As you read, look for these details...

How do you know? Cite specific evidence from the text.

S

Who is the
Speaker?

What can you tell or what do you know about the speaker that helps you understand the point of view expressed?

O

What is the
Occasion?

What is the time and place of the text? What caused this text to be written?
Identify the context of the text.

A

Who is the
Audience?

To whom is this text addressed? Does the speaker specify an audience?
What does the author assume about the intended audience?

P

What is the
Purpose?

What did the author want the audience to think or do as a result of reading this text?
Why did the author write it?

S

What is the
Subject?

What topic, content, and ideas are included in the text?

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What is the
Tone?

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?