

# SOAPSTone

Remember that the elements of SOAPSTone often include more than just one answer. For instance, for “speaker,” all of the following might be true: NY Times writer, human rights activist, American, parent, Iraq War veteran, and so on.

<b>S</b> peaker	The voice that tells the story. What role does the speaker play relative to the event?
<b>O</b> ccasion	The time and the place of the piece; the context that prompted the writing.
<b>A</b> udience	The group of readers to whom this piece is directed
<b>P</b> urpose	The reason behind the text. Why was it written? What goal did the author have in mind?
<b>S</b> ubject	What is the general topic, content, or idea contained in the text?
<b>T</b> one	What is the attitude expressed by the speaker? Diction. Imagery. Speaker’s attitude.

