

**SOAPSTONE GRAPHIC ORGANIZER FOR RHETORICAL ANALYSIS**

TITLE OF TEXT: \_\_\_\_\_

AUTHOR OF TEXT: \_\_\_\_\_

CLOSE READING		How do you know? Cite specific evidence in the text.	
<b>S</b>	Who is the <b>Speaker</b> ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Who</b> is the speaker?</li> <li>• Identify the speaker's age, gender, class, and education.</li> <li>• The <b>voice</b> tells the story. <b>Whose voice is being heard</b> within the text?</li> <li>• What can you tell or what do you know about the speaker that helps you understand the <b>point of view</b> expressed?</li> </ul>	
<b>O</b>	What is the <b>Occasion</b> ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the <b>time and place</b> of the piece? What is the current <b>situation</b> (that prompted the writing)?</li> <li>• Is this a political event, a celebration, an observation, a critique, or..?</li> </ul>	
<b>A</b>	Who is the <b>Audience</b> ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who are the readers to whom this piece is directed? It may be one person or a specific group.</li> <li>• Does the speaker specify an <b>audience</b>?</li> <li>• What assumptions exist in the text about the intended audience?</li> </ul>	
<b>P</b>	What is the <b>Purpose</b> ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the <b>purpose</b> behind the text? Why did the author write it? What is his/her goal? (To find the purpose, ask, "What did the author want his audience to think or do as a result of reading this text?")</li> </ul>	
<b>S</b>	What is the <b>Subject</b> ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State the subject in a few words or a short phrase.</li> <li>• What <b>MAIN IDEAS</b> are key in helping you understand the text?</li> <li>• What is the <b>lesson/theme</b> of the text?</li> </ul>	
<b>TONE</b>	<b>TONE</b> What is the Tone?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the <b>attitude of the author</b>?</li> <li>• Is the <b>author emotional, objective, neutral, or biased</b> about this topic?</li> <li>• What sentences/lines "<b>tell</b>" the author's feelings about the topic?</li> <li>• What 2-3 words in the text express the feelings/mood of the text?</li> <li>• What metaphors or similes help reflect the <b>tone</b>?</li> </ul>	