

Testimony as Primary Source

Critical Analysis with SOAPStone

Directions: Provide as much information as possible for each element then answer the questions below.

<p>Speaker—Identify the speaker. Name, DOB, Experience Group, Relevant Info. What are her/his credentials on the topic?</p>	
<p>Occasion—What may have prompted the speaker to tell her/his story? What perspective or bias does the speaker bring because of an experience or situation?</p>	
<p>Audience—Whom is the speaker trying to address (reach)? To whom is she/he speaking?</p>	
<p>Purpose—In what way does the speaker convey the message? What's the emotional state of the speaker? Why did she/he give an interview? What does the speaker hope to accomplish?</p>	
<p>Subject—On what topic is the speaker focusing?</p>	
<p>Tone—What is the speaker's attitude towards the subject? What diction (word choices) provides clues to the speaker's viewpoint?</p>	
<p>What does this primary source help you understand about the topic of discussion?</p>	
<p>Why is it important to understand the speaker as well as the subject?</p>	