

AP Language and Composition

Lesson: April 7, 2020

Objectives:

1. Identify and describe components of the rhetorical situation: the exigence, audience, writer, purpose, context, and message.
2. Identify the devices and strategies an author/speaker uses to achieve his/her purpose.

Before you begin...

Try to answer the questions below:

- What are the different parts of SOAPSTone?
- In what ways can identifying the parts of SOAPSTone benefit you when writing a rhetorical analysis?

Lesson:

- This lesson is a follow-up to what you did yesterday, which consisted of reading Thatcher's eulogy and identifying the devices and strategies she uses to achieve her purpose.
- Today, you will identify basic parts of her eulogy that relate to the different parts of SOAPStone.
- Then you will use that information from SOAPStone to write an introductory paragraph for a rhetorical analysis essay.
- Click [here](#) to access the eulogy.

Practice:

Directions: Identify each part of SOAPSTone from the eulogy.

A. Subject:

B. Occasion:

C. Audience:

D. Purpose:

E. Speaker:

F. Tone:

Key: The information below gives you an idea of what you could have identified for each part. Your answers may not be exactly like those below.

- A. Subject: Ronald Reagan
- B. Occasion: Thatcher delivered this eulogy at Reagan's funeral.
- C. Audience: Those attending the funeral, but also Americans in general.
- D. Purpose: To show Reagan in a positive light and pay tribute to his legacy; to highlight the relationship between the two Allied nations.
- E. Speaker: Margaret Thatcher, former Prime Minister
- F. Tone: respectful, appreciative, sorrowful (there are more, but this gives you an idea)

Practice:

Directions: Using the relevant parts of SOAPStone you just identified, as well as the devices and strategies you identified in yesterday's lesson, write an introductory paragraph for a rhetorical analysis essay.

Check your work

Does your introduction...

- Identify Thatcher by name and identify her title?
- Identify that Thatcher was speaking at Reagan's funeral?
- Include a thesis statement that identifies the devices/strategies you will analyze?
- Identify Thatcher's purpose?