SOAP

(Source, Occasion, Audience, Purpose)

Who/what is the

Source?

What person or group produced this document? Whose perspective is being voiced?

What is the

Occasion?

When and where was this evidence created? What context or situation encouraged the creation of this document?

Who is the

Audience?

Who would be expected to see or read this piece of evidence?

What is the

Purpose?

What was this document intended to accomplish? What was its creator's aim?