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<p>Subject Explain the general topic, content, and ideas contained in the text. What is this piece about?</p>	
<p>Occasion Explain the time and place of the piece; the situation or context which gave rise to the writing of this book. How is the occasion relevant to today's world?</p>	
<p>Audience Note the reader/group of readers to whom this piece is directed. What qualities, beliefs, or values do the audience members have in common? What assumptions, if any, has the author made about his/her audience? And, secondary audience—?</p>	
<p>Purpose Explain the reason behind the text. What does the writer want the audience to do, feel, say or choose? In literature, we call this the theme of the piece. What is the ultimate message of the text, and how does the writer present it?</p>	
<p>Speaker Explain the voice behind the writing. Who is the author of the book? What compelled him or her to write it? What do we know about the writer's life and views that shape this text?</p>	
<p>Tone Explain the tone of the book. What choice of words and use of rhetorical devices let you know the speaker's tone? What words can be used to describe the tone? Does the tone of the book change at various points, and if so, why?</p>	