Studying for SOAP

1. Download and view the Powerpoint labeled “SOAP” attached below.
2. Watch this video for an understanding of what SOAPStone means <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zmo7jk8KuWY>
3. Once you are confident that you understand SOAPSTone, skim each of these 4 Seminal US Documents.

**Farewell address by George Washington -** <http://avalon.law.yale.edu/18th_century/washing.asp>

**Four Freedoms by Franklin D Roosevelt –** <http://voicesofdemocracy.umd.edu/fdr-the-four-freedoms-speech-text/>

**Letter from Birmingham Jail by Martin Luther King jr -**<https://www.africa.upenn.edu/Articles_Gen/Letter_Birmingham.html>

**Gettysburg Address by Abraham Lincoln -** <http://www.abrahamlincolnonline.org/lincoln/speeches/gettysburg.htm>

**\*\*\*Tip: go to youtube and listen to the speeches as you read if you are struggling to understand them.**

1. As you are reading, determine the Speaker, Occasion, Audience, and Purpose for each of the 4 speeches. Make sure that you recognize the speaker’s voice so you can recognize a paragraph from either of the 4 without seeing the speaker’s name.

To double check your answers, scroll down to the chart at the bottom of this page.

1. Download the worksheet below titled “Farewell Speech” and fill it out for George Washington’s speech.

**Interpreting Informational Texts using SOAP**

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| **Speech** | **Speaker** | **Occasion** | **Audience** | **Purpose** |
| **Farewell Address** | **George Washington** | **Leaving the Presidency, American Revolution** | **Voters in America, American people** | **To inform what’s going on, To give advice** |
| **Letter from Birmingham Jail** | **MLK jr** | **Civil Rights movement, He is in jail** | **Americans, Critics – white leaders, religious leaders** | **To make them aware of the injustice, gain rights for blacks, stop segregation** |
| **The Four Freedoms**   1. **Speech** 2. **Religion** 3. **Want** 4. **Fear** | **Franklin D Roosevelt** | **World War 2, State of the Union, The Great Depression** | **Members of Congress, Citizens of America** | **To inform about the state of the country, Persuade them to enter the war and fight for freedoms** |
| **Gettysburg Address** | **Abraham Lincoln** | **Civil War, The Battle of Gettysburg** | **Family of fallen soldiers, living soldiers, America** | **To honor dead soldiers, to inspire to finish the war strong** |