

## K-Level Extension for English I, II, III & IV

April 6th

**Directions:** Follow the instructions for the RECORD and READ sections of the lesson. Then, follow the instructions below for the RESPOND section of the lesson.

**RESPOND:** The acronym SOAPS is a method readers use to analyze nonfiction texts. Read the article, and then answer the questions for each part of SOAPS in the graphic organizer below. For many of your answers, you will have to make inferences based on text evidence. Write your answers in complete sentences and be sure to include text evidence to support your answer. Document text evidence correctly by using quotation marks. For example: *The author asserts that, "The coronavirus outbreak is affecting many different parts of the world's economy."*

Element	Text evidence
<p><b>Speaker: <u>Who is the Speaker?</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State who is writing the piece. If that information is not provided, make some educated guesses about who might be writing the piece.</li> <li>What are his or her qualifications for writing or speaking on the subject?</li> <li>Provide text evidence that supports your answer.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Occasion: <u>What is the Occasion?</u></b>  <b>The occasion is the time and the place of the piece -- the context that prompted the writing.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Why did the author write this piece?</li> <li>How do you know?</li> <li>Support your answer with evidence from the text.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Audience: <u>Who is the Audience?</u></b>  <b>The audience is the group of readers to whom this piece is directed.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Who is the author writing this piece for?</li> <li>How do you know?</li> <li>Support your answer with evidence from the text.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Purpose: <u>What is the Purpose?</u></b>  <b>The purpose is the <i>reason</i> the author writes the text. The author's purpose might be to entertain, to explain something, or to persuade the audience to consider or accept a point of view.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As you consider the author's purpose for writing, ask yourself, what does the author want for his or her audience to think or do as a result of reading the text?</li> <li>How do you know?</li> <li>Support your answer with evidence from the text.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Subject: <u>What is the Subject?</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is the subject, or topic, of the text?</li> <li>Support your answer with evidence from the text.</li> </ul>	