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Purpose, Audience, Speaker, Tone, Author Bias

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Author	
Purpose What is the author's purpose for writing this opinion piece? What are they telling us?	
Audience Who is the author writing for? What assumptions does he/she make about readers?	
Speaker Why should we trust this person? How do they build credibility?	
Tone What is the author's tone toward the subject?	
Author Bias How does the author's job or path in life influence their position on the subject?	