

Nonfiction Data Sheet

Title: _____

Author: _____

Date of Publication: _____

Genre: _____

Appeals and Tone

Appeals (How does the author appeal to the reader's sense of emotion? Which emotions? Is it effective? How does the author appeal to the reader's sense of logic? How does the author use their credibility to appeal to the reader?)

Tone (What is the overall tone (attitude) of the author about the subject? How do you know? Does the tone shift? If so, where?)

SOAPS

SUBJECT (What is the writing about? Why is the subject worthy?)

OCCASION (What is the historical context? Why did the author choose to write the memoir at that moment?)

AUDIENCE (Who is the intended audience? What about the unintended audience? How do you know?)

PURPOSE (What is the author's primary purpose of writing this memoir? To inform? To persuade? To entertain?)

SPEAKER (Who is the writer? Why are they important? How are they credible?)

Diction: Select at least five quotes from the book which provide provocative or emotionally charged diction (word choice). Identify the words in the sentence which stand out to you and explain their impact on the reader. What is the expected emotional response of using the words? Is the diction effective? Why/why not?

Quotation with Page Number	Impact and Explanation
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	

Significance of the opening scene (How does the opening scene establish who the author is, the subject, and the tone of the memoir?):

Significance of the closing scene (How does the closing scene connect to the opening scene, title of the memoir, memoir's subject, and tone?):