

Using Immediate Occasion in a SOAPSTone

A crucial step in the SOAPSTone process is listing out the Immediate Occasion. Immediate Occasion is essentially listing the most important events in a book or short story.

- List the events in chronological order
- When finding your ideas, pick events that if taken out of the story, would throw it off track and make the story impossible to understand
- Find a page number where that event begins for the citation

SOAPSTone Immediate Occasion Template:

Main events in chronological order (citation).

- i. connection to subject (subject word).
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SOAPSTone I.O Example: Khaled Hosseini's *The Kite Runner*

- a. Assef rapes Hassan while Amir witnesses and hesitates to help (Hosseini 75).
 - i. Hassan puts his safety on the line for Amir, while Amir witnesses Hassan in trouble and does not help (Betrayal).
- b. Amir plants money and a watch in Hassan's hut to get him kicked out of their house (Hosseini 104).
 - i. Amir betrays Hassan by allowing him to get kicked out for something he did not do (Betrayal).
- c. Amir gets a call from Rahim Khan telling him that he can be good again (Hosseini 2).
 - i. Rahim knew about Amir's dirty doings in the past and calls to tell him how to rid himself of his old guilt (Redemption).