

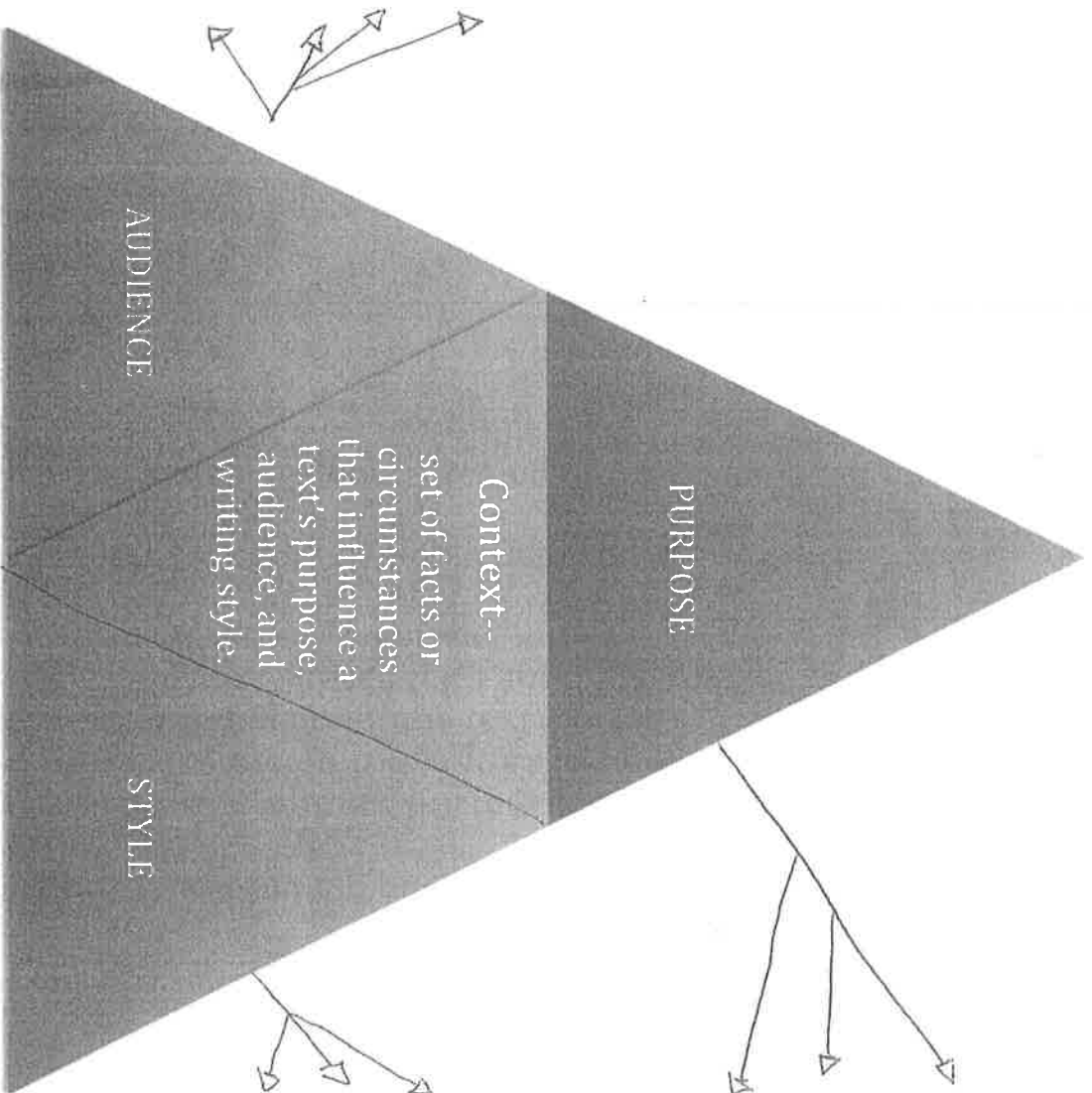
Context Notes

Is the text historical or current?

Who is/was the intended audience?

Audience--how well/poorly the text will be received

Ex: Paying college athletes
Huckleberry Finn



Context--
set of facts or circumstances that influence a text's purpose, audience, and writing style.

Helps to determine the format of the writing (article, letter, paper, email, etc.)

Why was it written? What circumstances were present?

Ex: Pre-9/11 vs. post-9/11

Formal, informal, or semi-formal language

Sentence structure and tone

Ex: Email vs. Informative Report vs. Argumentative Essay

What is CONTEXT?

- Context is a set of facts or circumstances that influence a text's purpose, audience, and writing style.

- Context is the BIG picture. It should put the text in perspective.

- Context also helps to determine the bias and subjectivity (low or high) of a text.

Questions to ask to help put a text into context:

- When was it written? (Historical or present)
- What time period is it written in/about?
- What is the genre of the text/book?
- Was this text written for a specific purpose? (To persuade/argue, entertain, inform)

As a reader, the context should help you to...

1. Have a greater understanding of the content and purpose
2. Recognize the bias and subjectivity