**M**ODE: What type of writing are you being asked to write?

A persuasive letter? A 2-3 paragraph reaction to a quote? A response to a question or two that relates to a reading selection?

**A**UDIENCE: To whom are you writing? Consider the rubric/how you are being graded.

 To the Board of Education? To your Social Studies teacher? To your class? To the principal?

**P**URPOSE: Why are you writing this?

 To persuade? To inform? To give your opinion? To provide connections? To react to something?

**S**UBJECT: What is the topic? This is specific to each assignment.