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Document Type	Author	Intended Audience	Intended Purpose	Some Possible Infinitives	Primary or Secondary	Inherent Value	Based on Creator	Inherent Limitations
Political Campaign Speech	Political Candidate	Voting Public	Generate Support	persuade, garner support, challenge	Primary	Shows what is popular with public	successful or unsuccessful candidate? Political ideology	Heat of campaign battle, Promises made to be broken
Speech by Leader or High Ranking Official During Wartime	A Government (consider which one)	the Public or the military	boost morale send a message to own people or to enemies	reassure, rally, engage, motivate, bolster	Primary	Official view, extent of understanding	Winning or losing the war? Type of government?	Consider the type of government Consider the military and political situation
Speech To Business Leaders	Political Leader or industrialist	Consider the group	To increase production, to solidify political support	solidify, inspire, motivate, stimulate	Primary	Insight into economic situation	Partisan	Realistic based on audience, other political factors
Speech to Government or Legislature	Political Leader (perhaps in opposition?)	Legislature - perhaps also foreign politicians	Partisan message	convince, attack, denounce,	primary	Key domestic or foreign policy message	Popularity of leader	Partisan, public, bounded by political realities
Speech To Party Caucus	Party Leader	Partisan Politicians	Create unity of policy	solidify, clarify, maintain, quell dissent	primary	Semi-private insight into political situation	Extent of power, ex. Stalin vs. N. Chamberlain	Type of government? Where in leadership cycle?
Political Cartoon	Editorialist/ Journalist	Viewing Public	Spread opinion of the paper	criticise, expose, challenge, belittle	Primary	May be a popular perspective	Political/ ideological alliance	Propaganda value, a fringe perspective?
Newspaper Article	Journalist	Readers	Narrow account of an event	inform, enlighten,	primary	May be based on more than one observer/ source	editorial slant of the paper	proximity to the event, timewise and geographically
Personal Letter	politican?, soldier?, political activist?	addressee	Private beliefs or feelings	share, inform, invite	primary	Personal feelings or beliefs	Position of sender?	Censorship, lack of situational understanding
Business/ professional Correspondence	politican?, industrialist? political activist?	addressee	Matter of financial or political importance	sell, convince, enhance, diminish	primary	Expertise of the author	Personal stake for gain or loss	What is the author's involvement in the subject

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Propaganda Poster	government or part of	citizens	Spread key messaging	indoctrinate, spread, influence, impact, create	primary	Conveys key priorities or expresses fear/weaknesses	What type of government?, What is the political situation?	What perspectives/beliefs are being ignored?
Diary/Journal		perhaps self-reflection, memoir or post mortem public	record private thoughts for some future reference (consider the author's position)	reflect, record	often primary	intended to be read only in reflection, very likely includes private thoughts	position may limit scope of understanding	lacks reflection that comes from distance
Memoir		the public	to publicize personal feelings about a specific event	immortalize, memorialize, illuminate, criticize, endorse, justify	secondary	Provides an individual's opinion with the benefit of hindsight	May be part of a personal or political vendetta	Depending on the time lapsed facts may have become foggy, the time lapse allows for prepared defense of actions
Academic Textbook	either a person or a team, with what background?	but may be limited to academic circles	to advance and academic agenda, possibly to sell books	educate, inform, defend	secondary	Is based on research and prepared by experts in the subject	The author's may have commercial motivations	The research may be incomplete or politically coerced or motivated
Political Tract	a partisan writer	the public	outline party platform or policies to elicit support	influence, sway, manipulate	primary	Publicizes official policy		Focuses on creating a favourable spin rather than facts
Painting		usually public	many from creative expression to propaganda	immortalise, represent, symbolize	primary or secondary	Subject matter is significant to someone	Unlimited artistic license	Subject matter is often based on financial reward
Table of Statistics	government department or research organization		to present data	validate, prove, verify	likely secondary	provides hard data	may be politically motivated	context is key to understanding data