# **AUDIENCE PROFILING**

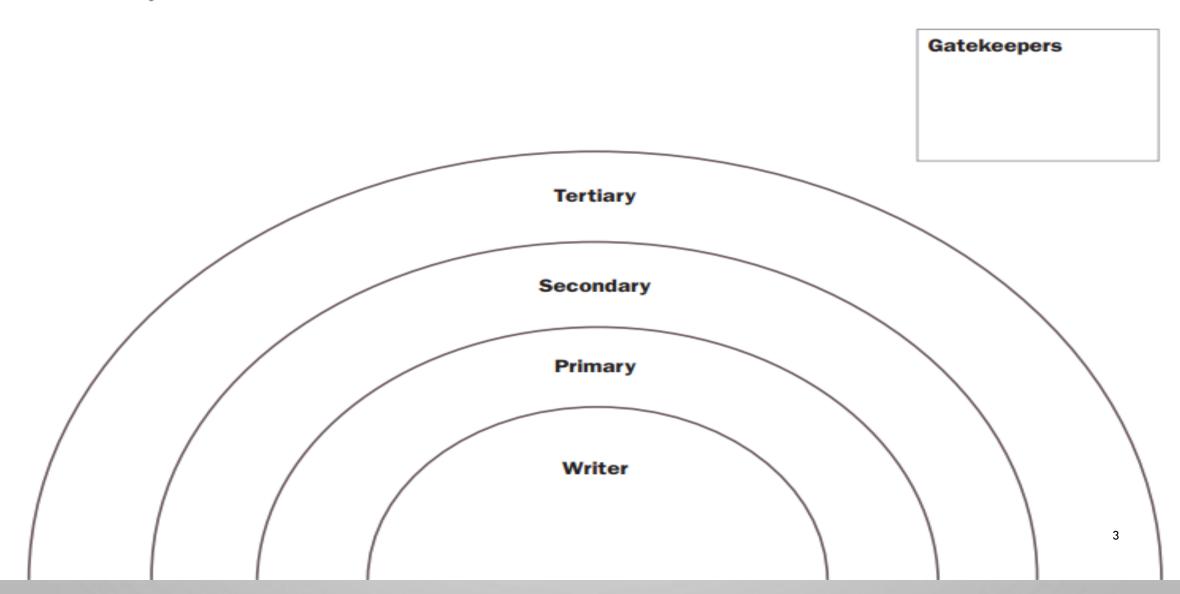
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## **Questions For An Audience Profile**

- Who is the audience?
  - What are their demographic characteristics?
  - What is the audience's role?
  - How does the reader feel about the subject?
  - How does the reader feel about the sender?
  - What form does the reader expect?
  - What is the audience's task?
- What is the audience's knowledge level?
- What factors influence the situation?

#### Figure 2.1 Writer-Centered Analysis Worksheet

A Writer-Centered Analysis Worksheet starts with you in the center and identifies the various people who may be interested in your document.



# **NEEDS, VALUES & ATTITUDE**

### Needs

- What information do your primary readers need to make a decision or to take action?
- What details or facts do your secondary readers require if they are going to make positive recommendations to the primary readers?
- How might the needs of the tertiary and gatekeeper readers influence how they respond to your document?

### Attitudes

- What are your readers' attitudes toward you, your company, and the subject of your document?
- Will your readers be excited, upset, wary, positive, hopeful, careful, concerned, skeptical, or heartened by what you are telling them?

# **NEEDS, VALUES & ATTITUDE**

### **Values**

- What do your readers value most?
- Do they value efficiency and consistency?
- Do they value accuracy?
- Is profit a key concern?
- How much do they value environmental or social concerns?

#### Figure 2.2 Reader Analysis Worksheet

To better understand your readers, fill in this Reader Analysis Worksheet with notes about their characteristics.

Readers	Needs	Values	Attitudes
Primary			
Secondary			
Tertiary			
Gatekeepers			6

### THE VARIOUS CONTEXTS

- Physical context—the places where the readers will use your document
- Mobile context—how a document will be viewed on various media
- <u>Economic context</u>—the money-related issues that will restrict the kinds of actions possible
- **Ethical context**—the personal, social, and environmental issues that shape the readers' responses

#### Figure 2.3 Context Analysis Worksheet

Each reader is influenced by physical, mobile, economic, and ethical concerns. A Context Analysis Worksheet anticipates these concerns for the primary readers, their company, and their industry.

	Physical Context	Mobile Context	Economic Context	Ethical Context
Primary Readers				
Readers' Company				
Readers' Industry				8

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