

Context Worksheet (for scriptures: _____)

- Type of literature (prose, poetic, discourse, apocalyptic, etc.)
- Author (and prior relationship to the recipients)
- Audience [recipients] (Who written to?)
- Main characters & personalities (Who?)
- Location (Where?)
- When written (When, date if known, or relative to?)
- Cycle of events, timeline (When?)
- What took place before/after? (surrounding verses)
- Circumstances (other background that contributes to understanding)
- Culture, relevant historical background
- Contemporaries from secular history
- Occasion, political, social & religious events
- Pressure point (emotional, doctrinal, etc. What's at stake?)
- Purpose, goal (Why?)
- Reception, response
- Relevant cross references