**Worksheet on Context of Lutheran Confessional Writings**

Three Ecumenical Creeds (Apostles, Nicene, Athanasian)

Dates Written:

Political/Religious Context:

Purpose and Tone:

Example that illustrates purpose and tone:

Small Catechism and Large Catechism

Date Written: *1529*

Political/Religious Context: *Evangelical theology was spreading in Germany. Luther and others visited churches and realized the theology being taught and the methods being used were poor.*

Purpose and Tone: *Pedagogical. To help pastors and parents educate their children, and ensure that good theology is being taught in churches.*

Example that illustrates purpose and tone: *The Lord’s Prayer, article 1: “Our Father, you who are in heaven. What is this? Answer: With these words God wants to entice us, so that we come to believe he is truly our Father and we are truly his children, in order that we may ask him boldly and with complete confidence, just as loving children ask their loving father. (BOC, 356)*

Augsburg Confession

Date Written:

Political/Religious Context:

Purpose and Tone:

Example that illustrates purpose and tone:

Apology to the Augsburg Confession

Date Written:

Political/Religious Context:

Purpose and Tone:

Example that illustrates purpose and tone:

Smalcald Articles

Date Written:

Political/Religious Context:

Purpose and Tone:

Example that illustrates purpose and tone:

Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope

Date Written:

Political/Religious Context:

Purpose and Tone:

Example that illustrates purpose and tone:

Formula of Concord

Date Written:

Political/Religious Context:

Purpose and Tone:

Example that illustrates purpose and tone: