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In the broad definition of "technical document," the instructions for constructing the pyramid, however they were delivered, was a technical document.

In ancient cultures, technical documents were inseparable from cultural activities.

And in a way the same is true today.

Think about the way your documents are situated in their cultural context.

You may have been led to believe that you are not a great writer, or that writing is your best skill, but what if you were actually really good at reading your audience?

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Put your technical documentation in its cultural context and use all means available to you to get your point across.