**Tone**

**The tone of a literary work refers to the attitude and feelings of the writer toward a subject and characters. Below is a list of possible terms you may use to describe the tone of any given text.**

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| **Positive** | | **Neutral** | **Negative** | |
| amused  admiring  adoring  affectionate  appreciative  approving  calm  casual  celebratory  comforting  comic  compassionate  complimentary  confident  contented  delightful  ecstatic  elated  empathetic  encouraging  excited  exhilarated  gleeful | hopeful  humorous  introspective  jovial  nostalgic  optimistic  passionate  playful  proud  reassuring  reflective  relaxed  respectful  romantic  scholarly  self-assured sentimental  serene  silly  straightforward  sympathetic  tranquil | commanding  direct  impartial  indirect  objective  questioning  speculative  unambiguous  unconcerned  understated | agitated  ambivalent  angry  annoyed  antagonistic  anxious  apathetic  apprehensive  belligerent  bitter  blunt  cold  conceited  condescending  confused  critical  cynical  demanding  derogatory  desperate  detached  disappointed  disgusted  disrespectful  doubtful  embarrassed  enraged  fearful  frantic  frightened  frustrated  furious  grave  greedy  grim  harsh  hateful  holier-than-thou  hopeless | hostile  impatient  indifferent  insecure  manipulative  melancholic  mischievous  mocking  mournful  nervous  ominous  outraged  paranoid  patronizing  pensive  pessimistic  pretentious  psychotic  sarcastic  scornful  selfish  serious  sinister  skeptical  sly  snooty  solemn  stern  suspicious  tense  threatening  uncertain  uneasy  unfriendly  unsympathetic  upset  violent |

**Mood**

**The mood of a literary work refers to the feeling the reader experiences when reading the work. Below is a list of possible terms you may use to describe the mood of any given text.**

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| **Positive** | | **Negative** | |
| amused  calm  cheerful  confident  content  determined  dignified  dreamy  ecstatic  empowered  energetic  enlightened  excited  exhilarated  fanciful  giddy  grateful  harmonious  hopeful  hyper  idealistic  joyous  liberating  light-hearted | loving  mellow  nostalgic  optimistic  passionate  peaceful  playful  pleased  refreshed  rejuvenated  relaxed  relieved  romantic  satisfied  sentimental  silly  surprised  sympathetic  thankful  thoughtful  tranquil  warm  welcoming | aggravated  annoyed  anxious  apathetic  apprehensive  barren  brooding  cold  confining  confused  cranky  crushed  cynical  depressed  disappointed  distressed  drained  dreary  embarrassed  enraged  envious  exhausted  foreboding  frustrated  gloomy  grumpy  haunting  heartbroken  hopeless  hostile  indifferent  infuriated | intimidated  irritated  jealous  lethargic  lonely  melancholic  merciless  moody  mournful  nauseated  nervous  nightmarish  numb  overwhelmed  painful  pensive  pessimistic  rejected  restless  scared  serious  sick  somber  sorrowful  stressed  suspenseful  tense  terrifying  threatening  uncomfortable  vengeful  violent  worried |