

Perspective | Tone | Diction | Voice

Examining the author's craft

Literary Devices:

Term	Definition	Symbol
Perspective	<p>Authors reveal their unique viewpoint or perspective in a text through their attitude (tone), beliefs, and opinions about the subject matter.</p> <p>To determine the author's perspective, ask yourself,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What's the author's purpose for writing?• What is the author's opinion or attitude about the subject?• What is the author's purpose for expressing this attitude or opinion?	
Tone	<p>Tone refers to the author's attitude toward a subject. Tone is established in a text through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Word choice (diction)• Details the author chooses to include	
Diction	<p>Diction refers to the choice of words and style of expression an author uses in a text. Diction impacts the tone and mood in a piece of writing.</p>	
Voice	<p>Voice is what sets apart a writer's work from other authors' writings on the same subject matter. It's the author's personality coming through on the page through language use and word choice (diction).</p>	

Double-Entry Journal

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From the Text... <i>Text Quotes</i>	From Your Mind... <i>Your Reflections</i>	Literary Element?
		Subject matter? What is this piece about?
		Tone? What words or phrases establish the tone?
		Diction? What unique language or word choices impact the effect of the piece?
		Perspective? What is the author's unique perspective on the subject?
		Audience? To what audience is the author writing? What makes you think so?