

Mood

The feeling the reader gets from a story.



*shown through:
setting and atmosphere



Reader

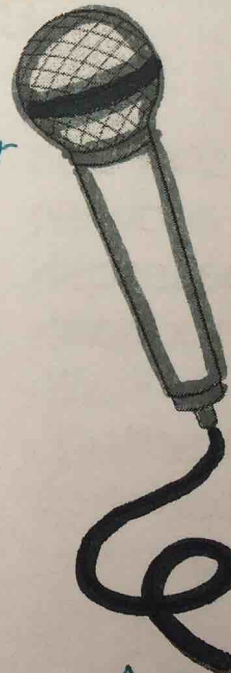
tone \neq mood

Tone

Author's attitude toward
the audience,
the subject,
or the character



*shown through
dialogue or descriptions



Author.

diction = word choice

Mood Words

cheerful	mysterious	sad
hopeful	holy	terrifying
lighthearted	intense	horrific
comical	mournful	morbid
joyful	grotesque	pessimistic
optimistic	dark	eerie
soothing	ominous	chilling
romantic	threatening	dismal
calm	spiritual	depressing
powerful	melancholic	gloomy

tone ≠ mood

Tone Words

sincere	paranoid	hurt
enthusiastic	playful	soothing
honest	pleading	nervous
critical	passive	depressed
ecstatic	proud	disappointed
ironic	serious	aloof
affectionate	suspicious	apathetic
approving	condescending	light-hearted
encouraging	aggravated	objective
scornful	cynical	somber

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