

Tone and Mood

6th Grade

The writer's attitude, and the reader's feeling. Two different things.

TONE

- The writer's attitude to the subject
- Created by word choice
- Belongs to the author
- Sarcastic, admiring, bitter, playful
- Ask: how does the writer feel about this?

MOOD

- The feeling the reader is given
- Created by setting and description
- Belongs to the reader
- Tense, peaceful, gloomy, hopeful
- Ask: how do I feel reading this?

THE DIFFERENCE THAT MATTERS

A writer can use a light tone to describe something that leaves the reader with a heavy mood. They are not the same.

Both need a precise adjective. 'Negative' is not a tone.