

LITERARY CONCEPTS:

STYLE

tone

MOOD

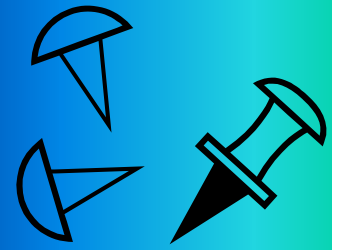


STYLE



Style is the author's unique way of expressing his/her ideas. This is often done through word choice, voice, sentence structure, and the use of conventions. Two authors' styles can be as different as their speaking voices or signatures.

STYLE: TAKS QUESTION



9. In paragraphs 3 and 4 of the letter to the editor, Ruben Garvey uses questions to—

A. encourage athletes to pursue their Olympic goals

inaccurate style from any part of the passage

B. criticize the participation of professional athletes in the Olympics

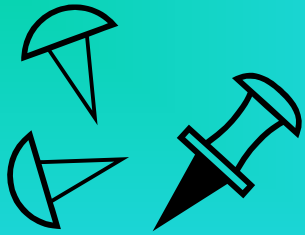
correct answer

C. explain the Olympic medal ceremony

Inaccurate style from any part of the passage

D. describe the Dream Team's victory

accurate style from the passage but not from the specified paragraphs



TAKS STEM QUESTIONS

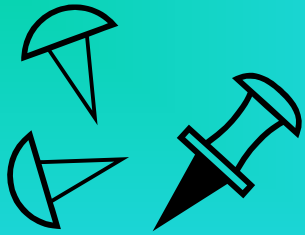
STYLE

- In paragraph _____, what is meant by the author's statement "_____”?
- In paragraphs _____ and _____, the author uses questions (quotes, incomplete sentences, exclamations, etc.) to ---



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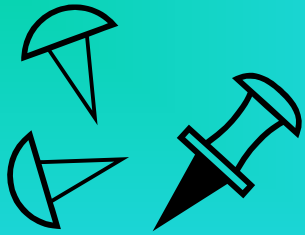
Tone is the author's attitude/feelings toward his/her subject . It is the way a writer uses words (connotation), creates images, chooses details, uses language, and structures sentences (DIDLS) to present a certain attitude or feeling to the reader about his/her writing topic.



30. TONE TAKES QUESTION

30. The author's choice of words in this newspaper article establishes a tone that is—

- F. Critical (*opposite tone presented from the one conveyed in passage*)
- G. Respectful (*correct answer*)
- H. Mysterious (*inaccurate tone from any part of the passage*)
- I. Peaceful (*plausible based on a student's understanding but not the overall tone of the passage*)



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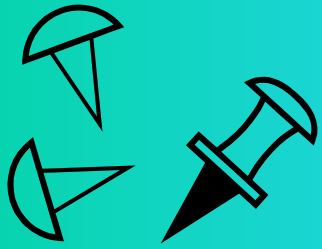
tone

- The author's choice of words in this newspaper article establishes a tone that is—
- The tone of paragraph _____ can best be described as —
- In paragraph _____, the author uses language to create a sense of—
- _____'s tone in paragraph _____ can best be described as—

MOOD



Mood is the overall feeling a reader has about a piece of writing.



MOOD: TAKS QUESTION

11. In paragraph 6, the author creates a mood that is –

A. Suspenseful

correct answer

B. Mysterious

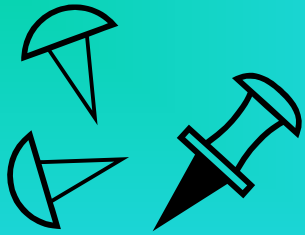
plausible based on a student's understanding but not the overall mood of the passage

C. Humorous

inaccurate mood from any part of the passage

D. Lighthearted

inaccurate mood from any part of the passage



TAKS STEM QUESTIONS

MOOD

- In paragraph _____, the author creates a feeling of –
- In paragraph _____, the author creates a mood of –
- The author's choice of words in paragraph _____ of this story creates a mood of –
- In paragraph _____, the author creates a mood that is –
- What word describes the mood that the author establishes at the beginning of paragraph _____?

The tone and mood can be different.

Read the following excerpt from *SeinLanguage* by Jerry Seinfeld, and determine the style, tone and mood:

I hated those little snack-pack cereals. Still do. Don't like portion control.

And on the side they would explain how to cut along the perforated lines and pour the milk right into the box.

What was the point of this? Pretending your parents couldn't afford a bowl?

TAKS QUESTION TIPS

MAKE SURE

you support your answer with accurate information from the passage

WATCH OUT!

- * for opposite style/tone/mood
- * for inaccurate style/tone/mood
- * accurate style/tone/mood from the wrong passage
- * plausible answer based on student experience, but not supported by the passage.

