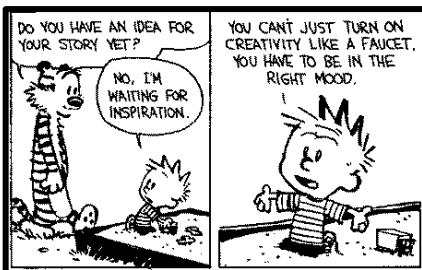
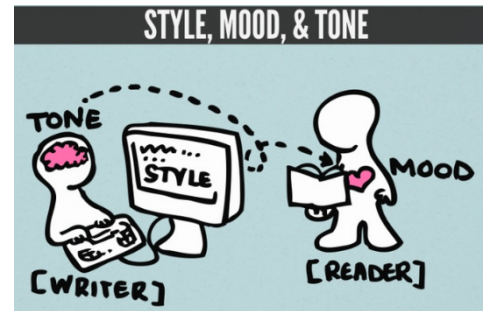


What is MOOD?

Mood, in writing, evokes certain feelings or vibes in readers through words.

Mood:

- Every piece of writing has a mood.
- Is referred to as the atmosphere of a literary (writing) piece.
- It creates an emotional setting that surrounds the reader.
- Mood stirs up an emotional attachment to the story.
- Is developed through various methods, including
 - Setting
 - The physical location that provides background for the story to take place.
 - Example, “The river, reflecting the clear blue sky, glistened and sparkled as it flowed noiselessly on.” (Dickens)
 - Theme
 - A main idea or an underlying meaning of a story.
 - It can be stated directly (you are told) or indirectly.
 - Example: “The bus was traveling at a great speed when it was stopped by a gang of robbers. The passengers were ordered to get out, leaving their precious belongings in the bus.” The theme is fear.
 - Tone
 - The way that a writer approaches the theme and subject. Readers typically feel the way the writer feels about the events taking place.
 - Example, “I shall be telling this with a sigh, Somewhere ages and ages hence: Two roads diverged in a wood, and I, I took the one less traveled by, And that has made all the difference.” (Frost)
 - The lines have an unhappy tone, creating an unhappy mood.
 - Diction
 - The choice of words a writer uses.
 - Conveys deep feelings, depicts the events, places and characters in a story.
 - Has an effect on the way readers feel.
 - Example: “And being no stranger to the art of war, I gave him a description of cannons, muskets, pistols, powder, swords, bayonets, battles, sieges, retreats, attacks...” (Swift)
 - The author is trying to create a feeling of disgust in the reader, regarding the consequences of war.



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Mood = Emotional Effect that the Text Creates for the Audience

POSITIVE MOOD WORDS

amused	jubilant
awed	liberating
bouncy	light-hearted
calm	loving
cheerful	mellow
chipper	nostalgic
confident	optimistic
contemplative	passionate
content	peaceful
determined	playful
dignified	pleased
dreamy	refreshed
ecstatic	rejuvenated
empowered	relaxed
energetic	relieved
enlightened	satiated
enthralled	satisfied
excited	sentimental
exhilarated	silly
flirty	surprised
giddy	sympathetic
grateful	thankful
harmonious	thoughtful
hopeful	touched
hyper	trustful
idyllic	vivacious
joyous	warm
	welcoming

NEGATIVE MOOD WORDS

aggravated	insidious
annoyed	intimidated
anxious	irate
apathetic	irritated
apprehensive	jealous
barren	lethargic
brooding	lonely
cold	melancholic
confining	merciless
confused	moody
cranky	morose
crushed	nauseated
cynical	nervous
depressed	nightmarish
desolate	numb
disappointed	overwhelmed
discontented	painful
distressed	pensive
drained	pessimistic
dreary	predatory
embarrassed	rejected
enraged	restless
envious	scared
exhausted	serious
fatalistic	sick
foreboding	somber
frustrated	stressed
futile	suspenseful
gloomy	tense
grumpy	terrifying
haunting	threatening
heartbroken	uncomfortable
hopeless	vengeful
hostile	violent
indifferent	worried
infuriated	