

Mood & Tone

A winter landscape with snow-covered ground, rocks, and bare trees under a blue sky. The scene is bright and clear, with a mix of white snow and dark rocks. The sky is a pale blue, and the trees are without leaves, suggesting a cold season. The overall mood is serene and quiet.

Mood is the feeling that a story creates in the reader.

Tone is a author's attitude toward the subject or audience of the story.



Moods Can Be Positive or Negative

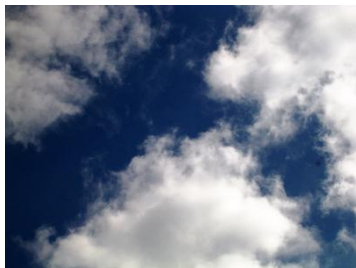
Hopeful

Cheerful

Joyous

Playful

Peaceful



Gloomy

Violent

Tense

Heartbroken

Painful



How Does a Writer Create Mood?

The setting, use of descriptive words, the punctuation used, and the sound of words all work to create the mood of a story.

We Also See Mood in Images

- What mood does this image create?



violent

peaceful

playful

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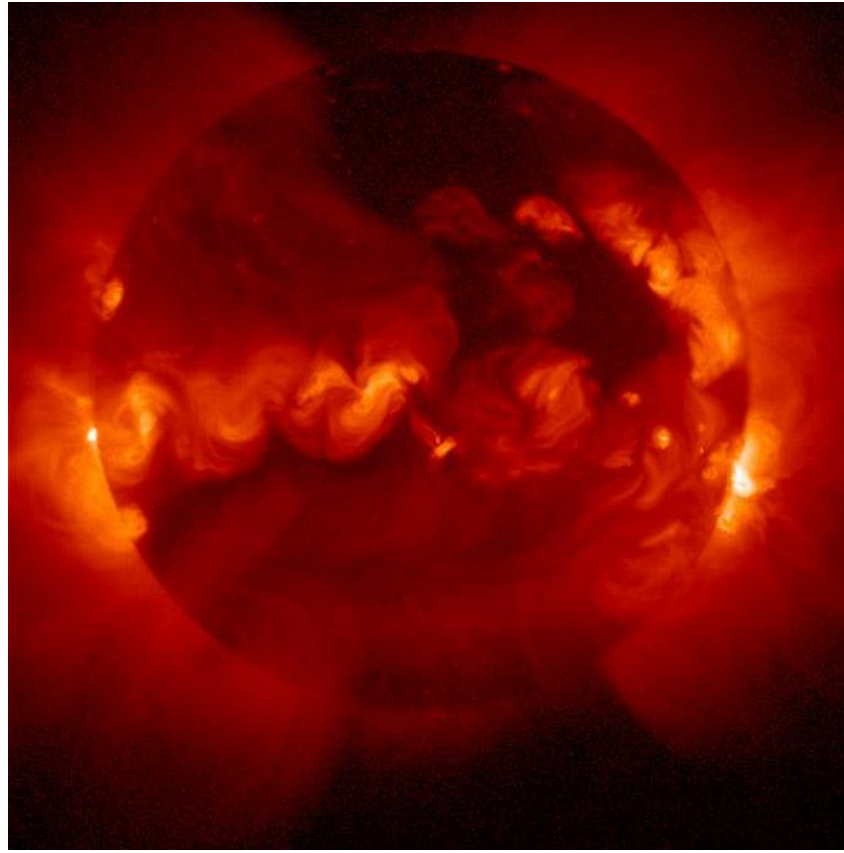


gloomy

painful

cheerful

- **What mood does this image create?**

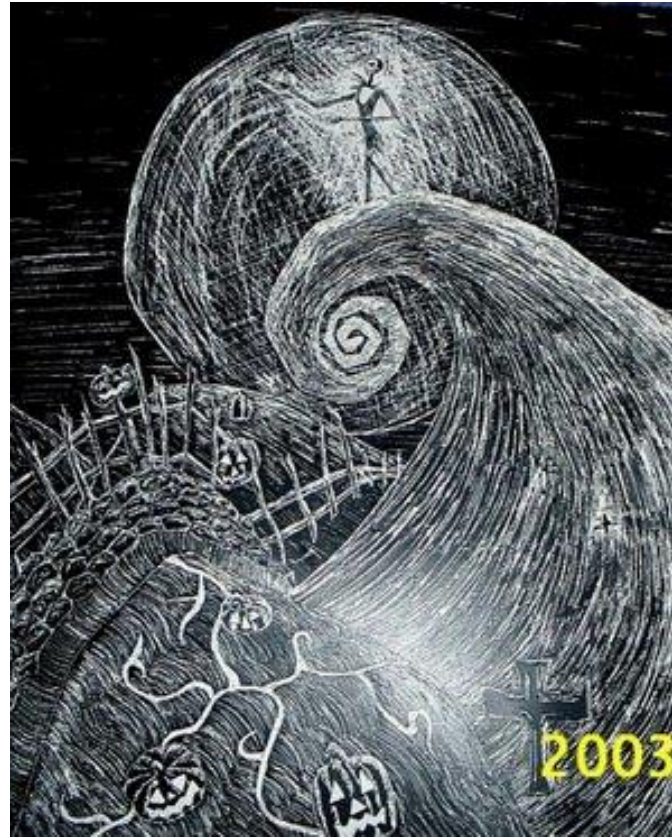


tension

peacefulness

We Can See Mood in Movie Scenes

- What mood is created in this scene?



cheerful

gloomy

painful

Tone

- **While mood is the feeling that a story creates in a reader, tone is the writer's attitude toward the subject or audience of the story.**
- **Look for clues in the language the writer uses to identify how the writer feels about the subject.**

Example of Tone

The Crocodile

How doth the little crocodile
Improve his shining tail,
And pour the water of the Nile
On every golden scale!

How cheerfully he seems to grin!

How neatly spreads his claws,

And welcomes little fishes in

With gently smiling jaws!

1. What is the subject of the poem?
2. What clues tell the reader the author's attitude towards the subject?
3. What is the tone?

Subject:
Crocodiles

Tone:
Attitude towards crocodiles is they are dangerous.

Why are Mood and Tone Important?

Mood and tone are important because they help the reader to determine the author's purpose and the overall theme or main idea of the story.