

Author's Style

Style refers to the particular way that a piece of literature is written—not *what* is said, but *how* it is said. It is the writer's individual way of communicating ideas. The following elements contribute to a writer's style:

- **Word choice**, or **diction**, describes the writer's choice of language. Writers often choose vivid verbs, adjectives, and adverbs, and precise nouns. Diction often reveals the writer's tone.
- **Tone** is the attitude the writer takes toward his or her subject, such as humorous, serious, sarcastic, or joyful.
- **Imagery** is the use of words and phrases that appeal to the reader's senses.
- **Sentence structure and variety** refers to the lengths and kinds of sentences used.

Use a chart like the one below to analyze an author's style.

Title:

Author:

Element	Examples
Word Choice	
Tone	
Imagery	
Sentence Structure and Variety	