

# STYLE and Craft

## What is Style?

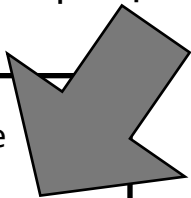
Style can be defined as any of the characteristic ways that an author uses language. Like a fingerprint, an author's style identifies his or her writing as unique.



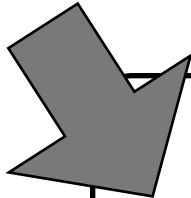
**Recognizing Elements of Style** - When approaching a new text, ask yourself the following questions:

1. Does the author use words drawn from everyday language, slang, or a higher vocabulary level?
2. Is the language mostly figurative or mostly literal?
3. Does the author choose to arrange words for the way they sound? Is the story different if it is read aloud?
4. Are the sentences short and choppy, or long and complex?
5. Does the author use punctuation in a distinct way?
6. Does the author use standard formatting and paragraph structure?

**Author's style choices effect two major aspects of literature.**



Tone: the author's attitude towards the theme or subject



Mood: the atmosphere or feelings evoked by a piece of literature

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# Defining and Exploring Style

	O Captain! My Captain!		
Author			
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Complexity of Sentences: Are the sentences short and choppy or long and complex?			
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Title: "The Ministers Black Veil"	Author: Nathaniel Hawthorne
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Title: "Fahrenheit 451"	Author: Ray Bradbury
Plot Summary:	Main Characters:
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Title: "The Raven"	Author: Edgar Allen Poe
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