



Be aware, when comparing articles selected for your **language analysis**, a writer's/commentator's tone may change during the course of her/his development of a polemic. You should identify this change in your essay discussion.

ZONE: IDENTIFYING TONE (Language Analysis)

POSITIVE	NEGATIVE	NEUTRAL
Admiring	Accusing	Academic
Agreeable	Admonishing	Ambivalent
Amiable	Aggravated	Authoritative
Approving	Aggressive	Balanced
Amused	Alarmed	Calm
Casual	Blunt	Candid/frank
Cheerful	Belligerent	Contemplative
Concerned	Condemnatory	Controlled
Consoling	Condescending	Conversational
Conversational	Contemptuous	Equable
Curious	Critical	Factual
Delighted	Despairing	Formal
Empathic	Disingenuous	Impartial
Encouraging	Disturbed	Informal
Enthusiastic	Disgusted	Learned
Excited	Doubtful	Lyrical
Friendly	Foreboding	Nostalgic
Humorous	Frustrated	Objective
Inspiring	Furious	Personal
Jovial	Gloomy	Pragmatic
Optimistic	Insulting	Questioning
Passionate	Judgmental	Reflective
Patriotic	Melancholic	Relaxed
Playful	Mortified	Resigned
Polite	Outraged	Serene
Respectful	Pessimistic	Serious
Reverent	Provocative	Scholarly
Relieved	Quarrelsome	Sober
Soothing	Remorseful	Solemn
Supportive	Sarcastic/Sardonic	Thoughtful
Surprised	Shocked	Uncritical
Sympathetic	Suspicious	Undecided