



## English Toolkit: Indicator 1.3.3

Student Handout: English: Indicator 1.3.3

### Goal 1.0 Reading, Reviewing and Responding to Texts

Expectation 1.3 The student will explain and give evidence to support perceptions about print and non-print works.

Indicator 1.3.3 The student will identify features of language that create tone and voice.

Assessment Limits:

Analyzing the effects of certain words and phrases on the tone or voice of a text or across texts

Identifying similarities or differences in the overall tone created by language choices throughout a text or across texts

### Public Release - Selected Response Item - Released in 2009

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Correct Answer

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