Teaching Tone

Tone is the perspective or attitude that the author adopts with regards to a specific character, place, or development. Tone can portray a range of emotions from solemn and grave to witty and humorous.

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<td>Using some quick thinking and a little sweet-talking, Colin the humble shoemaker repeatedly outwits the black-robed figure who knocks on the shoemaker's door and demands his soul.</td>
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<td>Explains precisely why, although it may sound like a good idea, gathering hundreds of pigs to march in a parade through one's hometown is inadvisable.</td>
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<td>Benny the woodpecker makes a brilliant plan to eat a tasty plate of waffles</td>
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On a mean street in a mean, broken city, a young girl tries to snatch an old woman's bag. But the frail old woman, holding on with the strength of heroes, says the thief can't have it without giving something in return: the promise. It is the beginning of a journey that will change the thieving girl's life—and a chance to change the world, for good.

When Saya's mother is sent to jail as an illegal immigrant, she sends her daughter a cassette tape with a song and a bedtime story, which inspires Saya to write a story of her own—one that just might bring her mother home.

When Duncan arrives at school one morning, he finds a stack of letters, one from each of his crayons, complaining about how he uses them.

A young farm girl tries to catch her favorite chicken, until she learns something about the hen that makes her change her ways.

Fascinated by the colors, shapes, sounds, and movements of the many different birds she sees through her window, a little girl is happy to discover that she and they have something in common.

A homesick little girl who has recently moved to an unfamiliar country comforts herself by clinging to an old blanket, but when she meets a new friend, the relationship helps her take her first steps into a new culture.

In this book with no pictures, the reader has to say every silly word, no matter what.
Inspired by a teacher who believes each of them is a genius, a class of special-needs students invents something that could convince the whole school they are justifiably proud to be "Junkyard Wonders."

A man tells about all the emotions that accompany his sadness over the death of his son, and how he tries to cope.

Laszlo is afraid of the dark which lives in the same big, creaky house as him, until one night the dark pays him a visit.

An anonymous valentine changes the life of the unsociable Mr. Hatch, turning him into a laughing friend who helps and appreciates all his neighbors.

Sophie the spider makes wondrous webs, but the residents of Beekman's Boarding House do not appreciate her until at last, old and tired, she weaves her final masterpiece.

Wendell's mother thinks her son's room is "turning into a pigsty". Wendell doesn't think it's so bad--even though he finds a real pig sitting on his bed one day.

From the quiet of being the first one awake in the morning to "sweet dreams quiet" when the last light is turned off, simple text explores the many kinds of quiet that can exist during the day.

Wilbur, a naked mole rat who likes to wear clothes, is forced to go before the wise community elder, who surprises the other naked mole rats with his pronouncement.

FICTION


A fictionalized account of how in 1849 a Virginia slave, Henry "Box" Brown, escapes to freedom by shipping himself in a wooden crate from Richmond to Philadelphia.

BIOGRAPHY


Hiawatha, a Mohawk, is plotting revenge for the murder of his wife and daughters by the evil Onondaga Chief, Tadodaho, when he meets the Great Peacemaker, who enlists his help in bringing the nations together to share his vision of a new way of life marked by peace, love, and unity rather than war, hate, and fear.


A brief look at the life of United States president Abraham Lincoln.


This biography profiles the life of Bass Reeves, a former slave who was recruited as a deputy United States Marshal in the area that was to become Oklahoma.

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