

What is Style? for data sheet use (literary elements)

"Style is the writer. Style is what is distinguished and distinguishing in writing."

■ T. H. White

Tone - name the tone, prove it is used, and explain WHY that tone is used
describe the tone and prove it

Diction - All writers use diction. Why is this author's diction unique? Why is it used? What unusual words are used? Why are these words used? Prove and explain in detail.

Syntax - choose one, prove it is used, and explain WHY it is used
sentence structure, word order, parallelism, spelling and grammar conventions or lack thereof, phrasing, punctuation, repetition of any of these elements. Why is this author's syntax unique? Why is it used? What unusual syntax is used? Why is it used? Prove and explain in detail.

Figurative language - choose one, prove it is used, and explain WHY it is used
metaphorical language (metaphor, simile, hyperbole, understatement, synecdoche, metonymy, paradox, juxtaposition, personification, and more)

Irony - choose the type of irony, prove it was used, and explain WHY it was used

Point of view - do NOT use unless you can explain it completely; why is this point of view used?
first person, third person, omniscient, stream of consciousness, narration, childhood, adulthood, personal, impersonal (do not use for plays)

Imagery - choose one, prove it is used, and explain WHY it is used
auditory, visual, gustatory, tactile, olfactory, kinetic, organic,
Look for categories of imagery (light, young, red, energetic, sour) or contrasting imagery (light versus dark, old versus young, black versus red, apathy versus energy, sweet versus sour). Avoid using the word vivid to describe imagery.

Organization - do not use
structure, form, contrast or similarity, formal, informal, logic (do not use unless you can explain it completely; that means why one form of organization instead of another)

Use of time - choose one and explain WHY it is used
flashback, narration, framed story; do not tell me is chronological -- it usually is

Allusion - name the allusion, prove it is used, and explain WHY it is used