

## Tone Vocabulary

**DIRECTIONS:** Each of the words below can be used to describe an author's tone. Read each word. Does the word have a positive, negative, or neutral connotation? Write +, -, or N next to each word.

Ambivalent

Hard \_\_\_\_\_

Amused

Impartial \_\_\_\_\_

Belligerent

Impassioned \_\_\_\_\_

Benevolent

Indignant \_\_\_\_\_

Cautionary

Ironic \_\_\_\_\_

Comic

Judgmental \_\_\_\_\_

Condescending

Laudatory \_\_\_\_\_

Cynical

Mean-Spirited \_\_\_\_\_

Defensive

Nostalgic \_\_\_\_\_

Detached

Objective \_\_\_\_\_

Disparaging

Optimistic \_\_\_\_\_

Empathetic

Outraged \_\_\_\_\_

Facetious

Pensive \_\_\_\_\_

Grim

World weary \_\_\_\_\_