TONE, MOOD, AND THEME
TONE

• The tone of a literary work is the writer’s attitude towards a subject.
• The tone can often be described in one word, such as *playful* or *serious*.
TONE

Tone is produced by things like:

- Word choice (formal or informal)
- Sentence structure (simple or complex)
MOOD

• Mood is the atmosphere created by the setting and action of the characters

• Mood is how the author wants the audience to feel
THEME

• The theme is the main message in a literary work.
• The theme is usually implied (not stated directly)
• The tone of a text can help the reader determine the theme
Using the poem “Choices,” analyze your assigned stanza for tone, mood, and theme
WRITING ASSIGNMENT

Start with a theme: What do you want to say about yourself?

- Use pre-writing activities from this week (list poem, bio poem, what’s on your mind)
WRITING ASSIGNMENT

Once you have decided on a theme, decide on the tone

▪ Remember: tone is how YOU (the author) feel about the subject

How will you convey your theme?

▪ Word choice
▪ Sentence structure
WRITING ASSIGNMENT

Lastly, decide on the mood

- Remember: mood is how you want your audience to feel reading/listening to your poem

How will you convey the mood?

- Setting, action, etc.
WRITING ASSIGNMENT

Using your theme, tone, and mood, write a paragraph about yourself.