

Authors Create Moods

Below is a list that includes a plethora of moods authors can create in stories through word choice, vivid descriptions, characters' actions and reactions, quotations, and events that take place. Moods strike emotions by sometimes building suspense, bringing tears to the reader's eyes, or eliciting joyful feelings.

Positive Moods:	Negative Moods:
cheerful, determined, enchanting, enlightened, fanciful, jubilant, mystical, relieving	anxious, brooding, desolate, dreary, melancholy, raucous, suspenseful, tense

Choose one positive and one negative mood. Thoroughly describe how an author can elicit this kind of mood using:

- Word Choice
- Vivid descriptions
- Characters' actions and reactions
- Quotations
- Events that take place

Take It Further Using Literature:

Read chapter one of *Mockingjay* by Suzanne Collins, which is an installment in *The Hunger Games* series. In my opinion, it is one of the very best excerpts for learning about mood. What mood does the author elicit? When writing your analysis, do not forget to include quotations and specific words she used.