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Blizzard Bag—English 11
Analyzing Style, Tone, and Mood
Children's Books

Directions: Choose a children's book—ANY children's book (Dr. Seuss, Eric Carle, any children's book you have around your house will work). Read through the book and answer the following questions.

Book Title: _____

Subject/Main Character: _____

Brief Summary:

STYLE

Analysis of Author's purpose (circle one):

To entertain To inform To persuade To offer opinion

Analysis of Point of View (circle one):

1st person 3rd person limited 3rd person omniscient 2nd person

Analysis of Language—Is the piece formal or informal?

- Is the vocabulary advanced or simple? Does it use slang or dialogue? What about the level of detail—too much, not enough, or just right? Does the author use literary devices such as figurative language? Flashbacks? Foreshadowing? Describe the author's use of language in this story.

- Take a look now at the structure of the sentences. Are they mostly simple sentences or does the book include simple, complex, and compound sentences?
- Now decide: Is this a formal text or an informal text (circle one).

Analysis of structure and organization of text

- Which organizational pattern does the text fall under? (circle one and then briefly explain/justify your choice).

Cause-Effect Problem-Solution Chronological Ranking
Compare/Contrast Inductive/Deductive Division into Categories

Analysis of Style

- Now looking at the various aspects of style you have analyzed, how would you describe this author’s style? Choose one of the following descriptors and explain/justify your choice with at least two examples from the text.

Descriptive Well-developed Academic Formal Informal
Business-like Personal

TONE

- What is the subject of this book?

- What is the author’s tone or attitude toward the subject—consider, what do you think the author’s perspective or opinion is about the subject?

- Provide one piece of evidence, in the form of a quotation from the text, to justify and explain your opinion on the author’s tone.

MOOD

- When you and your partner read this book, what feelings or emotions did you feel for the characters in the story? What would you say is the overall mood of the story?

- Provide one piece of evidence, in the form of a quotation from the text, to justify and explain your opinion on the mood of the story.
