Analyzing Word Choice and Tone

Today's Standard

9-10.RL.4 - Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the cumulative impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone (e.g., how the language evokes a sense of time and place; how it sets a formal or informal tone).

Cues	Notes
What is figurative language?	Figurative language includes metaphors, similes, and other non-literal expressions.
How does context affect connotation?	Connotation is influenced by the context in which a word is used.
What is tone?	Tone refers to the author's attitude toward the subject.
How can word choice impact tone?	Word choice can make a text feel formal, informal, positive, or negative.
Examples of analyzing tone	Analyzing tone involves looking at word choice, sentence structure, and context clues.

Summary

Understanding the meaning of words and phrases in a text, including their figurative and connotative meanings, and analyzing how word choice impacts meaning and tone is crucial for deeper literary analysis.