**AP Language & Composition**

Tone Words

**Positive**

lighthearted confident amused complimentary amiable

relaxed soothing jubilant encouraging reverent

hopeful cheery elated passionate whimsical

romantic calm enthusiastic elevated exuberant

optimistic sympathetic proud fanciful appreciative

consoling ecstatic jovial loving compassionate

friendly pleasant brave joyful energetic

**Negative**

angry wrathful threatening agitated obnoxious

insulting choleric disgusted bitter accusing

arrogant quarrelsome surly outraged irritated

condemnatory belligerent disgruntled furious indignant

inflammatory aggravated brash testy

**Humor/Irony/Sarcasm**

scornful bantering disdainful irreverent condescending

pompous mocking ridiculing wry sarcastic

taunting cynical insolent patronizing whimsical

malicious droll critical ironic facetious

flippant mock-heroic teasing quizzical comical

satiric amused sardonic contemptuous caustic

ribald irreverent

**Sorrow/Fear/Worry**

somber mournful concerned morose hopeless

remorseful poignant melancholy solemn fearful

pessimistic grave staid ominous sad

serious despairing sober solemn resigned

horror disturbed apprehensive gloomy foreboding

mournful regretful

**Neutral**

formal objective questioning learned authoritative

disbelieving sentimental pretentious apathetic conventional

judgmental reflective ceremonial candid instructive

factual incredulous urgent fervent histrionic

callous forthright lyrical sincere restrained

clinical matter-of-fact didactic shocked nostalgic

earnest resigned contemplative haughty objective

detached admonitory informative baffled reminiscent

patriotic meditative intimate obsequious