Determining Mood

One of an author's many jobs is to affect the way we feel. They use their tools, mainly their words and their illustrations to set a tone in their story. This tone can affect our mood and which helps readers engage more deeply in the story.

Vocabulary	
Mood / Tone / Atmosphere	A general feeling a reader gets when they read a section of text. Described with word choice and illustrations.
Word Choice	Specific words that an author chooses in their writing. Often affects mood.
Illustrations	A picture or image that adds information to a story.
Inference	Using clues for a story to help draw a conclusion.

Light / Positive	Words	Colors	Events	Actions
Exciting				
Joyful				
Romantic				

Neutral	Words	Colors	Events	Actions
Informative				
Dull				
Peaceful				

Dark / Negative	Words	Colors	Events	Actions
Scary				
Sad				
Angry				