

SMART™ Lesson

Developing Voice and Style

In literature, voice and style are important aspects of writing. Voice refers to the unique way that an author writes, often determined by their personality, perspective, and experiences. Style, on the other hand, refers to the way that an author puts words and sentences together to create a particular effect.

Voice

Developing a strong and authentic voice takes time and practice. Here are some tips to help you develop your own voice:

- Write about what you know.
- Be yourself; don't try to sound like anyone else.
- Don't be afraid to inject your personality into your writing.
- Read a lot; exposure to different writing styles can help you develop your own.

Style

Your writing style can be influenced by a number of factors, such as word choice, sentence structure, tone, and imagery. Here are some ways to make your writing more interesting:

- Use descriptive language to create vivid images in your reader's mind.
- Vary your sentence structure (e.g. use short sentences for impact, long sentences for detail).
- Experiment with different literary devices (e.g. similes, metaphors, personification).
- Try to create a balance between showing and telling.

Worksheet

1. What is voice in literature?
2. How can reading help you develop your own voice?
3. What are some of the factors that can influence an author's writing style?
4. What are some ways to make your writing more interesting?
5. Write a paragraph about a recent experience that you had, using descriptive language and varied sentence structures to create a strong voice and style.