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## THE LEAD SINGER

One very important tool an author can use to establish point of view is **voice**. In writing, the term *voice* can describe the style and/or personality of the way a character speaks or thinks. It can also be used to describe the style and/or personality of the way a narrator describes the characters, settings, and events. Since the narrator's voice can be "heard" on every page, he or she is a bit like the lead singer of the novel.

1. Is the narrator a character in the novel?    **Yes**    **No**  
✦ If **Yes**, which character is he or she? \_\_\_\_\_  
✦ If **No**, is the narrator **limited** or **omniscient**? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Use three words to describe the voice of the narrator. For each, provide a quotation from the novel that supports your word choice.

Descriptive Word	Quotation from Novel

3. What do you think the author's purpose was for choosing a narrator like this? How does this type of narrator fit the content, mood, or style of the book?  
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4. Rewrite the first line of the novel (or the first line of any chapter). Use a very different narrative voice.  
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If the entire novel had been written in this new voice, in what ways would that have changed it?

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## MAKING THE MOOD

Authors have many ways of creating a feeling or mood. Think about a scene from the novel that was filled with mood. Choose a scene that made you feel an emotion such as fear, anxiety, joy, excitement, anger, or dread.

**Scene** (the events that happen): \_\_\_\_\_

**Mood** (the main feeling conveyed): \_\_\_\_\_

Complete the chart below. The column on the left lists five elements the author combined to create this scene. For each element, explain how it contributed to the mood of the scene.

Element	How It Contributed to the Mood
<b>Plot</b> (the events that happen)	
<b>Setting</b> (the time when and place where the events happen)	
<b>Characterization</b> (the people and animals in the story)	
<b>Voice</b> (the tone of the narrator who is telling the story)	
<b>Dialogue</b> (the words spoken by the characters)	

In your opinion, which of these elements — plot, setting, characterization, voice, or dialogue — was the most important for creating the mood of the scene? Check the box next to your answer, and then explain your choice on the lines below.

Plot     Setting     Characterization     Voice     Dialogue

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