

# **ELA/Social Science Attitude/Tone List for Writing Assignments**

## **Positive Attitude/Tone Words**

Adoring	Confident	Fond	Playful
Admiring	Consoling	Friendly	Pleasant
Affectionate	Content	Happy	Proud
Amused	Ecstatic	Hopeful	Relaxed
Appreciative	Elated	Impassioned	Respectful
Ardent	Encouraging	Joyful	Reverent
Benevolent	Energetic	Loving	Romantic
Calm	Enthusiastic	Marveling	Soothing
Cheerful	Excited	Optimistic	Surprised
Compassionate	Exhilarated	Passionate	Thoughtful
Complimentary	Exuberant	Peaceful	Vibrant

## **Negative Attitude/Tone Words**

Abrasive	Boring	Disparaging	Obnoxious
Abusive	Childish	Disrespectful	Outraged
Accusing	Coarse	Forceful	Passive
Aggravated	Cold	Furious	Shameful
Agitated	Condescending	Harsh	Sly
Angry	Contradictory	Hateful	Smooth
Apathetic	Critical	Hurtful	Smug
Argumentative	Cutting	Indignant	Stern
Arrogant	Desperate	Inflammatory	Superficial
Artificial	Disappointed	Insulting	Tense
Authoritative	Disgruntled	Irritated	Threatening
Belligerent	Disgusted	Manipulative	Tired
Bitter	Disinterested	Naïve	Uninterested

## **Humor-Irony-Sarcasm Attitude Words**

Amused	Disdainful	Mocking	Scornful
Bitter	Facetious	Patronizing	Sharp
Caustic	Humorous	Pompous	Silly
Comical	Insolent	Ridiculing	Taunting
Condescending	Ironic	Sad	Teasing
Coy	Irreverent	Sarcastic	Whimsical
Critical	Joking	Sardonic	
Cynical	Malicious	Satirical	

## **Sorrow-Fear-Worry Attitude/Tone Words**

Aggravated	Disturbed	Melancholy	Sad
Agitated	Doubtful	Miserable	Serious
Anxious	Embarrassed	Mournful	Solemn

Apologetic  
Apprehensive  
Concerned  
Dejected  
Depressed  
Despairing  
Disbelieving  
Discouraged  
Distracted

Fearful  
Frightened  
Gloomy  
Grave  
Guarded  
Hollow  
Hopeless  
Horrific  
Horror

Mysterious  
Nervous  
Numb  
Ominous  
Paranoid  
Pessimistic  
Pitiful  
Regretful  
Remorseful

Somber  
Subdued  
Uncertain  
Upset  
Wary

**Neutral Attitude/Tone Words**

Allusive  
Authoritative  
Baffled  
Callous  
Candid  
Ceremonial  
Clinical  
Consoling  
Contemplative  
Conventional  
Conversational  
Detached  
Disbelieving  
Dramatic

Expectant  
Factual  
Formal  
Forthright  
Histrionic  
Humble  
Incredulous  
Indifferent  
Informative  
Inquisitive  
Instructive  
Judgmental  
Learned  
Lingering

Loud  
Lyrical  
Matter-of-fact  
Meditative  
Nostalgic  
Objective  
Patriotic  
Persuasive  
Pleading  
Pragmatic  
Provocative  
Questioning  
Reflective  
Reminiscent

Resigned  
Restrained  
Satisfied  
Seductive  
Sentimental  
Serious  
Shocking  
Sincere  
Straightforward  
Unemotional  
Understated  
Urgent  
Zealous