

Author's Point of View **S.O.S.**

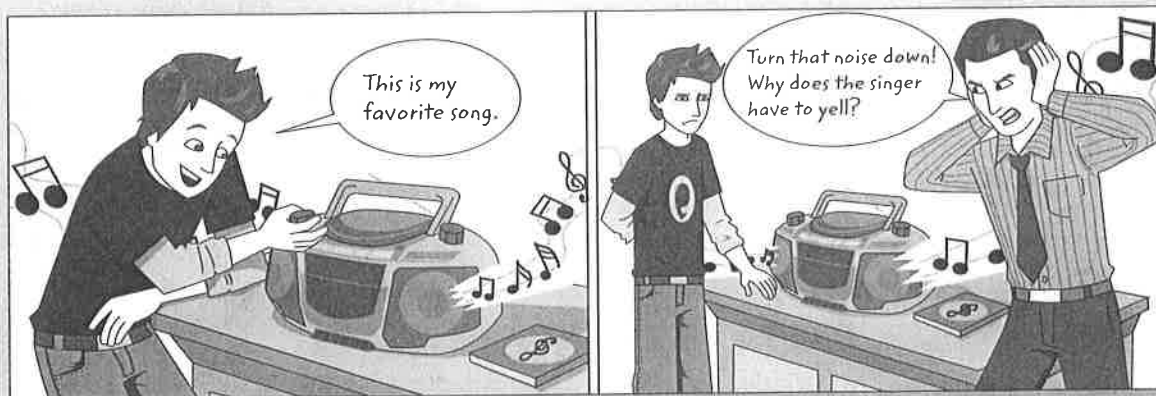
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RI.3.6: Distinguish their own point of view from that of the author of a text.

Theme: Works of Art

What is your point of view about hip-hop music? Do your friends agree with you? Your **point of view** is the way you think or feel about something. Your friends may feel the same way or have different ideas. Not everyone will share your point of view about hip-hop music—or about other ideas, either. How boring would that be?

Look at the cartoon below. How does each person feel about the loud music?



Read through the chart below. Complete it by telling the father's point of view.

Person	Details	Point of View
Boy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> smiles turns up sound 	enjoys the loud music
Father	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> covers his ears calls the music noise 	does NOT enjoy the loud music

How do *you* feel about loud music? Which character most closely shares your point of view?

I like loud music because I can feel the beat.
I agree with the boy.

Authors often give their points of view about topics they explain or describe. They do this by using opinion words such as *best*, *worst*, *beautiful*, *like*, *dislike*, *feel*, and *believe*. As you read, try to figure out the author's feelings by noticing these types of word clues. Then form your own point of view about the topic.



Read the start of a review to learn about the author's point of view on a sculpture.

Genre: Review

Make Way for the Mallard Family *by Jessie Green*

Make Way for Ducklings is a children's book by Robert McCloskey. In it, a mother and her eight ducklings walk to a park in Boston, Massachusetts. Today, a delightful bronze sculpture of Mrs. Mallard and her ducklings stands in Boston's Public Garden. Almost as popular as the book, this treasured landmark seems to bring the duck family to life!

Nancy Schön made this charming creation in 1987. It is a series of nine adorable statues. Mrs. Mallard, Jack, Quack, and the other ducklings proudly parade in a row. Children touch, pet, and cuddle these life-like statues so often that they never need to be polished.

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Explore how to answer this question: "What is the author's point of view about the sculpture of Mrs. Mallard and her ducklings?"

The author does not directly tell you how she feels about the sculpture. But you can look for word clues in the review to figure out her point of view about her topic.

Complete the chart. Add opinion words that the author uses to describe the sculpture. Two word clues are provided for you. Write two more clues in the left column.

Words Describing the Sculpture	Author's Point of View on the Sculpture
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "delightful bronze sculpture" • "treasured landmark" • "charming creation" • "adorable statues" 	She admires, or truly likes, the sculpture.

In your own words, write about the author's point of view on the sculpture. Explain how words such as "treasured landmark" help you figure out her feelings. Use the chart for help.

I can tell that the author admires the sculpture because of the opinion words I read. The words "delightful," "treasured," "charming," and "adorable" are positive/nice adjectives.