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Tone Analysis Exercise

Directions: Read the descriptive paragraph. Identify the tone, then explain which structural choices help create that tone.

Mist floated low across the empty field as the last bit of daylight slipped away. The tall grass swayed slowly, brushing together with a faint hiss. In the distance, a single barn stood barely visible, its outline fading into the gathering darkness. Each step across the field felt heavier than the one before, as though the quiet had settled itself on everything.

1. What is the tone of this paragraph? Choose one word that best fits. (Examples: peaceful, tense, gloomy, hopeful, mysterious.)

2. Which descriptions contribute to that tone? List at least two.

3. How does sentence structure help create the tone? Think about pacing, detail order, or imagery.
