

from THE LIFE OF SAMUEL JOHNSON

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Reading Skill

ANALYZE AUTHOR’S PERSPECTIVE

The **author’s perspective** is the unique combination of ideas, experiences, values, and beliefs that influence the way the writer looks at a subject. To determine an author’s perspective, note these clues in the text:

- personal observations made by the author
- anecdotes and dialogue that involve the biographer
- the author’s tone

Directions: In the chart, record statements from the biography that reflect Boswell’s own observations and experiences with Samuel Johnson. Then tell what each statement reveals about Boswell’s perspective toward Johnson. An example has been done for you.

Statements from Biography	Boswell’s Perspective
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “...a masterly essay against gulosity” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • admires Johnson’s writing