

Literary Analysis

DIALECT

Dialect is the distinct form of a language spoken in one geographic area or by a particular group. Writers may use dialect to establish setting or provide local flavor. In British and American literature, dialects are often less formal and more natural than standard English might be.

Directions: The dialect that Burns uses can be difficult to read at times, but he chose to employ it for specific effects. Tell what Burns’s use of dialect contributes to each literary element listed in the first column of the chart.

How Dialect Affects Literary Elements

setting	
theme	
tone	