DIDLS for "Prologue"

Every writer, has a unique style. Style is the combination of the writer's choices, which are made to achieve a certain purpose. Use the graphic organizer below to analyze Skloot's style.

		As you read, look for these details...	How do you know? Cite specific evidence from the text.
D	**Diction:** author's choice of words	● Look for choice of strong words. Do you notice any repetition or patterns in the word choice? What do this words reveal about how the author feels about the subject?	
I	**Imagery:** Use of descriptions that appeal to the senses.	● What images are especially vivid? To what senses do these images appeal? How do these images affect your mood as a reader?	
D	**Details:** Facts included or those omitted	● What details are emphasized or repeated? Look for facts. Are there any details that have been left out? How do the included details affect your mood as a reader?	

L	**Language:** Characteristics of the body of language (slang, figurative, scholarly language,etc.)	● How could the language be described overall? What connections does the author make with figurative language? How does the language affect your mood as a reader?	
S	**Syntax:** The way sentences are constructed.	● Are sentences simple, compound, complex, varied? What do these structures indicate about the author'	
TO NE	**Tone**: The writer's attitude or toward the subject.	● Based on your analysis above, how would you describe the author's tone? Sarcastic? Objective? Angry? Romantic? Urgent? Serious? Clinical? Lofty? How would you read the passage aloud if you were the author?	

Express Understanding: Each author uses word choice, sentence structure, and figurative language to create a unique style that will speak to specific audiences, occasions or purposes. Consider the words below, which would describe Skloot's style?

Objective   Opinionated   Academic   Narrative   Nostalgic   Cynical   Humorous

Compare Skloot's style in "Prologue" with the style she uses in "Henrietta's Dance." Which elements are consistent?

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Which elements are different?

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Grade 10: Henrietta's Dance