Style

Style is the distinctive way in which a writer uses language. In *The Fire Next Time*, Baldwin combines a number of elements into one style that conveys his message.

The building blocks below identify seven of the elements of Baldwin’s style. In each block, write a sentence from the text that exemplifies that element. One example has been done for you.

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Direct Address
"You, don't be afraid."

Plain Speech

Imagery

Prophetic Tone

Catalog or List

Informality

Formality
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FOLLOW-UP: Write a paragraph about one element of Baldwin’s style. Explain why you find it appealing, powerful, or persuasive.