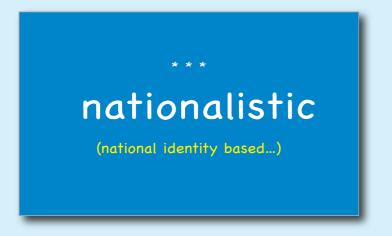
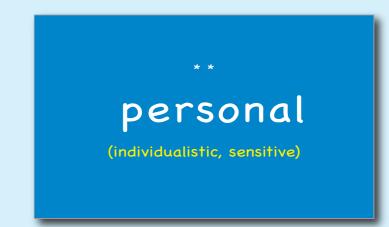
## David's Lament for Saul and Jonathan

in 2 Samuel 1:17-27 was. . .

two-sided





timely

(at the proper time, fitting)

tone-setting

(introductory, revealing)

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militaristic

(martial, militant, military, strategic)

geographical

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(about a place/places, territorial)

materialistic

(about things / money)

horizontal

(flat, focused on people, humanistic)

sorrowful (sad, full of sorrow)

(saa, ratt or sorrow)

poetic

(not plainly worded)

relational

(interconnected, social)

sincere

(not deceitful or hypocritical)

forgiving

(pardoning)

generous

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(benevolent, gracious, tolerant)

God is never directly mentioned in David's lament, but the calling for a curse upon Mount Gilboa (1:21) shows that the Lord was not forgotten. Perhaps the reason David did not mention God directly was because his sorrowful poem was about defeat rather than victory. (The Lord himself had NOT been defeated!)

David's generous words about Saul show that he had forgiven his sinful predecessor. Likewise, Paul's forgave the preachers who were jealous of him (Phil. 1:15–16). The apostle rejoiced that the gospel was preached (Phil. 1:18), and David gave Saul credit for fighting the Philistines (2 Sam. 1:22, 27) and promoting prosperity (1:24).