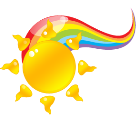
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Setting is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ background of a story. Setting involves the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in which a story takes place. It is normally explained at or near the beginning of the story.

**Setting = Time & Place**

Setting is important because it provides a backdrop for the action.

It also sets the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the story. For example, the setting helps establish whether a story is happy, sad, scary, romantic, etc.

The author must use many \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and sensory images to establish the setting.

Setting can be: geography, scenery, weather, furniture, clothing, time of year, period of history, etc.

As you read a story, ask yourself these questions…

1. Does the setting influence the plot or characters?
2. What kind of mood or atmosphere does the setting create?
3. How important is the setting to the story? Could the story happen in any other time or place?

**Today's Task**

As you read your novel today take notes on the setting. Write down any details which help you understand the time and place of the story.

**Example -- *The Hunger Games***

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| **Details about the setting** | **What this tells me** |
| -District 12  -coal miners  -the Meadow -- "a scruffy field"  -woods  -chain linked fence with barbed wire  -Panem  -the Capitol  -the Hob -- a black market | -Katniss lives in a place called District 12  -there must be a coal mine -- mountains?  -there are different landscapes, but they are not plentiful  -there is an enclosed area  -the name of the country  -the capital city  -maybe goods are hard to come by |

Novel Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| **Details about the setting** | **What this tells me** |
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