



Lesson Plan: How Setting Contributes to Character and/or Plot Development

Objective:

Students will understand how the setting influences character development and plot progression.

Standards:

- **CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.6.3:** Describe how a particular story's or drama's plot unfolds in a series of episodes as well as how the characters respond or change as the plot moves toward a resolution.
- **CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.6.5:** Analyze how a particular sentence, chapter, scene, or stanza fits into the overall structure of a text and contributes to the development of the theme, setting, or plot.

Materials:

- Short story or excerpt from a novel
- Access to online discussion board (or physical journals)
- Video explaining the impact of setting on characters and plot
- Worksheets for analysis

Pre-Class Activity (Flipped Part):

1. **Watch a Video:** Students watch a video explaining how setting impacts character development and plot.
2. **Read the Text:** Assign students a short story or an excerpt from a novel where setting plays a crucial role.
3. **Online Discussion:** Students post their initial thoughts on how the setting influenced the characters and plot on an online discussion board.

In-Class Activity:

1. **Group Discussion:** In small groups, students discuss their insights from the pre-class activity. Each group shares their observations with the class.
2. **Worksheet Analysis:** Students complete a worksheet analyzing specific examples of how the setting influences the characters and plot in the assigned text.

3. **Creative Activity:** Students create a short scene or story where the setting dramatically changes the character's actions or the plot.

Post-Class Activity:

1. **Reflection:** Students write a brief reflection on how their understanding of setting and its impact on character and plot has deepened.
2. **Extension Activity:** Encourage students to find another story or excerpt where the setting is crucial and share it with the class, explaining its impact.

Homework:

1. **Journal Entry:** Students write a journal entry discussing a setting from a favorite book or movie and how it influences the characters and plot.
2. **Story Rewrite:** Choose a scene from the assigned reading and rewrite it, changing the setting. Discuss how the new setting changes the characters' actions and the plot's direction.
3. **Reading Assignment:** Find a story or chapter where the setting significantly influences the characters or plot, and prepare a brief presentation for the class.

Assessment:

- Participation in discussions and activities
- Completed worksheets
- Creative scene or story
- Reflection writing

