

SETTING

Elements of Literature

What is Setting?

- ▣ where and when a story takes place
- ▣ the *whole* environment in which the character lives
 - includes time
 - location
 - weather
 - physical setting
 - atmosphere



Use your senses!

- ▣ Consider the five senses:
 - What do the characters see?
 - What do the characters hear?
 - Taste? Smell? Touch?



Where do I find the setting in the text?

- ▣ Check the beginning - primary setting information.
- ▣ Continue reading - dialogue and events will reveal additional information.



Purpose of Setting

- ▣ Setting the stage: background
- ▣ Critical to:
 - the development of the plot
 - to the understanding of the protagonist
 - or as a means of establishing the mood within the story.



Social Environment

▣ What is the social environment of a story?

- manners
- customs
- mores
- rituals
- codes of conduct



▣ How do they affect the characters?

Works Cited

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