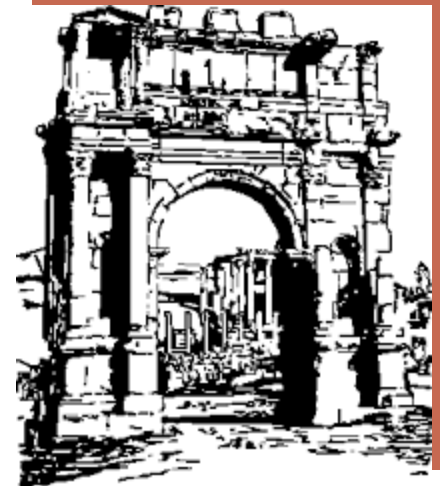




HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL SETTING ON CHARACTERS



SETTING

- Where and when the story takes place



SETTING

Characters in a story are affected or shaped by:

- The place where they live
- The time period when they are living
- The historical events occurring in this time period
- The culture—traditions and practices—or the group of which they are a part

PLACE

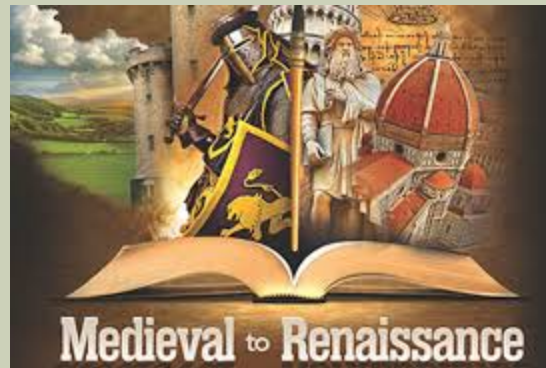
- A story can take place anywhere.
- It can be a real place or an imaginary place.
- The place can be general—somewhere in the United States, or it can be specific—Needville, Texas.
- The place affects the characters and the plot.



TIME PERIOD



- A story can take place at any time.
- The time period can be a specific day, month, or year.
- It can be as general as the present or the distant past.



HISTORICAL EVENTS

- Historical events take place during a time period.
- For example, a story set in 1776 might deal with the events of the Revolutionary War.



CULTURE

- Culture consists of the traditions, rituals, practices, customs, and beliefs of a group of people living in a certain time and place.
- The food people eat, the holidays they celebrate, even the way they greet each other are all part of their culture.
- A character's beliefs and values affect what they do.
- It can create conflict in a story.



HISTORICAL & CULTURAL SETTING CHART

Use the chart below to figure out the historical and cultural setting in the story or novel you are reading.

Story/Novel	
Place	
Time	
Historical Event	
Culture	