

Setting

Putting Us There

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- Setting **tells us where and when a story takes place.**
- It includes the location, the weather, the time of day, the time period (past, present, or future).

Setting and Character

- Setting provides background on the characters — how they live, dress, eat, and behave.
- Setting, especially as it relates to characters, can also be used by an authors to help reveal meaning in their stories.

Setting, Mood, and Tone

- Setting can also provide *mood* or *atmosphere* — **it can affect the way we feel.**
- Writers can also use setting to help express a *tone*, or **attitude toward a subject or character.**

Creating Setting

- A believable setting is created through vivid imagery (again, **words or phrases that call forth a response from our five senses.**
- As long as an author can supply us with the right images, we fill in the rest of the details.

