

SETTING

ELEMENT OF FICTION

DEFINITION	ROLE OF SETTINGS	ATMOSPHERE/MOOD	TEST STEMS
<p>The time, place, and duration of a story, play, or novel. In some stories the setting influences the reader as well as the characters.</p> <p>A reader responds to the atmosphere or mood of the setting.</p> <p>The setting is usually conveyed by narrative description, but it may also be established through character description or dialogue.</p> <p>In drama, setting is established by stage sets and dialogue.</p> <p>The setting may be crucial to the plot.</p> <p>Time: includes any or all of the following when applicable to the selection: Historical period Year Day Time of day</p> <p>Place: includes any or all of the following when applicable to the selection: Geographical location and features Community Specific location</p> <p>Duration: time from beginning to end of a story: Hour(s) Day(s) Year(s)</p>	<p>SPECIFIC: The setting plays an important part in the plot of a story.</p> <p>The setting may influence plot by directly affecting the characters. It may encourage certain kinds of events while inhibiting others. The setting may play a role in external conflicts as in individual vs. nature.</p> <p>GENERAL: The setting could be any location and is not critical to the meaning of the story.</p>	<p>Atmosphere and Mood are synonymous literary terms. They refer to the feeling in a scene or story.</p> <p>Atmosphere is the overall mood or climate. It contributes to the total effect the story has on the reader: reader's emotional response to a work of literature.</p> <p>An author creates atmosphere by the objects s/he selects to describe, by how s/he describes them, by the setting in which he places them, and by the techniques s/he uses: images and sounds that convey a particular feeling.</p> <p>It can often be described with one or two adjectives. Examples of adjectives: Happy /cheerful Sad/depressing Scary /frightening Sinister /dangerous Nostalgic /sentimental Hopeful /upbeat Exciting /entertaining</p> <p>The atmosphere/mood may influence the reader's attitude toward the characters.</p>	<p>Setting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the setting of this story? • This poem takes place • Which detail about the setting contributes to the pot of the story? • Why is it important to the plot of the selection that _____ lives? • Why is the setting important to the story? <p>Mood</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The rhythm in the poem contributes to a mood that is • The author uses exaggeration to make the story more • The imagery in this poem creates a mood of.... • The author build tension in this story by

