**SETTING**

**The time and location in which a story takes place is called the setting**. For some stories the setting is very important, while for others it is not. There are several aspects of a story's setting to consider when examining how setting contributes to a story (some, or all, may be present in a story):

1. **Place** –Where is the action of the story taking place? Geographical location.
2. **Time** – When is the story taking place? (historical period, time of day, year, etc)
3. **Weather Conditions** – Is it rainy, sunny, stormy, etc?
4. **Social Conditions** – What is the daily life of the characters like? Does the story contain local qualities and characteristics (writing that focuses on the speech, dress, mannerisms, customs, etc. of a particular place)?
5. **Mood or Atmosphere** – What feeling is created at the beginning of the story? Is it bright and cheerful or dark and frightening.

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