



Drag the correct word(s) from the list to complete the sentence.

time

when

where

-  a) The setting of a story is the background of the story.
-  b) The setting is the place where the story happens and the _____ when it happens.
- c) The setting answers the questions of _____ and _____ a story takes place.



Another important literary device is the setting of a story, play, or movie. The **setting** is the time and location in which a story takes place. For some stories, the setting is very important, while for others it is not.

Many times, writers will tell you more than the time and location. Sometimes, an author will describe the:

- a) **place** - geographical location;
- b) **time** - when is the story taking place? (historical period, time of day, year, etc);
- c) **weather conditions** - is it rainy, sunny, stormy, etc?; and
- d) **social conditions** - what is the daily life of the characters like?

The setting of a story can be used for other reasons, such as to create mood or **atmosphere**. "A farm house nestled on a beautiful hillside" creates a peaceful and idyllic atmosphere.

The Meaning of Setting Map

Tom was standing **in the middle of the forest**, looking up towards **the top of the trees**. The **sun was high up in the sky**, telling him it was **noon**. He watched the birds fly against the blue sky and settle **among the trees**. By **sunset**, Tom awoke from his **daydream state** and made his way back down toward **the village**.

WHERE does the story take place?


in the middle of the forest

WHEN does the story take place?


noon

CHANGES in the **SETTING** during the story.

(label)

(label)



Reset