

Questions about Setting

Writers describe the world they know. Sights, sounds, colors, and textures are all vividly painted in words as an artist paints images on canvas. A writer imagines a story to be happening in a place that is rooted in his or her mind. The location of a story's actions, along with the time in which it occurs, is the setting.

Answer the following questions with as much detail as possible. The items in () are meant to help you come up with your own answers. They are not multiple choice. In other words, do not use them as your answers. You will want to add more detail than they provide.

Where is your story going to take place? (a room, a small town, a city, a state, a country, a world, etc.) What is the style of the place? (Victorian, retro, martian, etc.) Describe this place in detail.

Who lives there?

What is the major belief system? (religion, philosophy, politics)

When does it take place? (past, present future)

Will it take place on our planet or another? Will it take place in our dimension or another?

If your story is based on a world other than our own (dimension, planet, future, etc.), what are the rules? (example: Magic can only be performed while wearing a specific hat. Yes. It's a silly example. You need to provide more detail.)