



STORY SETTING

Hank the Cowdog Podcast

Episode 3

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THE SETTING:

- Where does the story take place?
 - What time of day is it?
 - What is the weather like?
 - Is it inside or outside?





TIME AND PLACE ARE WHERE THE ACTION OCCURS

- Details that describe:
 - Scenery
 - Weather
 - Time of day
 - Time of year

SETTING: SHOW, DON'T TELL

- Let's use imagery to describe a setting.
- Under each category, use a short phrase to describe what a character would experience in the Dark Uncharnted Forest. (Hank is going to visit there in this episode!)
- Instead of telling me Hank is in the forest, show me using your five senses.



What do you....

See	Feel	Hear	Smell	Taste

WHY USE SETTING?



To create a mood or atmosphere



To make action seem more real



To be the source of conflict or struggle



To show a reader a different way of life

THE SETTING CREATES ATMOSPHERE



For example, a scary place, such as an abandoned old house



Or the author can take a very ordinary place and make it seem scary by making it seem unusual, dark and cold.



REAL OR IMAGINARY?

- Setting can be real or imaginary.
 - Some writers describe a setting.
 - Other writers reveal the setting through details.

LISTEN TO EPISODE 3 OF THE HANK THE
COWDOG PODCAST AND ANSWER THE
FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ABOUT SETTING!



WHERE DOES THIS
EPISODE TAKE PLACE?

THE DARK UNCHANTED FOREST!

Where does this episode take place?



WHAT IS THE
WEATHER LIKE?

STORMY!

"rumbling thunder, moaning wind,
distant creaking trees"



WHAT KIND OF ATMOSPHERE
DOES THIS CREATE?



SCARY!

Can you think of other words to describe the atmosphere?

WHAT IS THE
SCENERY LIKE?

“TREE-TYPE SPACES”

What is the scenery like?



WHAT KIND OF
ATMOSPHERE DOES THE
SCENERY CREATE?

SCARY!

Tree monsters!!

Creaky sounds!

Moaning branches!





LET'S PRACTICE SETTING SKILLS!

On the next few slides, label the setting and then think of characters that you might find in story that takes place there.

- SETTING: beach, deserted island, tropical paradise
- CHARACTERS: Hawaiian Child, Pirate, Lemurs



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