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 Unchanted 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....

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**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 a story that takes place there.

- **SETTING:** beach, deserted island, tropical paradise
- **CHARACTERS:** Hawaiian Child, Pirate, Lemurs
LET'S PRACTICE SETTING SKILLS!

• Setting:
• Characters:

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