

SMART™ Lesson

Reading Fiction: Setting and Mood

When we read a story, we need to pay attention to the setting and the mood. The setting is where and when the story takes place. The mood is the feeling that the author creates through the words and the setting.

Setting

The setting of a story can be a real place or an imaginary one. It can be a town, a city, a forest, a house, or even a different planet! The setting is important because it helps us understand the story better. It can give us clues about the characters, the time period, and the events that happen in the story.

Example

Let's say we are reading a story about a little girl who lives in a small town. The setting can tell us more about the girl's life. We can imagine what her house looks like, where she goes to school, and how she spends her days.

Mood

The mood of a story is how it makes us feel as we read it. The author uses words to create a mood. The mood can be happy, sad, scary, exciting, or mysterious. When we read a story, we should pay attention to how it makes us feel.

Example

Let's say we are reading a story about a girl who is lost in a dark forest. The author can use words like "creepy", "haunting", and "terrifying" to create a scary mood. We might feel scared or worried as we read the story.

Questions

1. What is setting?
2. How can setting help us understand a story?
3. What is mood?
4. What are some words an author might use to create a scary mood?