

Exercise One – Setting

Answer the following questions to help you when choosing your setting.

1. Where are your favourite places? List 5 locations you love
2. What atmosphere do you want your story to have? Write down your story's dominant mood
3. What settings are common to your genre? List 5 favourite settings common to your genre
4. What location would enhance your story's conflict and/or theme? List 5 locations that enhance your story's conflict. Do the same for theme. Are any of them the same location?
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5. Do you want a real or fictional location? Write down which type of location you prefer
6. Is it a small scale (a house) or large scale (a state/country) location? Write down the scale of your setting
7. Do you want an urban or rural area? Write down which type of area you prefer
8. Does the protagonist know this place? Write down how well the protagonist knows the setting



 Do you want a setting you're familiar with or something you'd need to research? List 5 familiar settings you think might work for your story. List 5 or more that you've always wanted to visit
10. How many different settings do you anticipate having?
11. what do these settings bring to the story? How do they affect it?
12. Can any of these settings be the opposite of what you imagined? How might that affect the story?