



December Reading Comprehension Focus
Character~ Setting

All about *Character & Setting*

Definitions:


- * Character analysis involves identifying with a character's traits and actions. A good reader understands a character better by paying attention to the details: his/her physical appearance, personality, speech, thoughts, feelings, actions and interactions with other characters.
- * Setting describes the time and place in which the story takes place.

Why are these skills important?

- * Character analysis allows the reader to look at what motivates the character to act as he/she does. It helps a reader understand the character's role in the story and how to predict his/her behaviors.
- * The setting of a story influences a character's actions, dialogue and responses.

Getting Started

Ask questions:

- * Who/what is the story about, the main character(s)?
 - * Where does the story take place?
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Paint a Portrait

Directions:

- 1. Read the story.
- 2. As you read, pay attention to the main character and where the story takes place.
- 3. After you read, draw/write about the character and where the story takes place.

Draw how the main character looks

Draw a friend/ foe
of the character

Character's
name

Draw where the
story takes place

How do the two
characters feel about
each other?