***SHORT STORY – SETTING***

**SETTING** -- The time and location in which a story takes place is called the setting.  For some stories the setting is very important, while for others it is not.  There are several aspects of a story's setting to consider when examining how setting contributes to a story (some, or all, may be present in a story):

a)  **place** - geographical location.  Where is the action of the story taking place?
b)  **time** - When is the story taking place? (historical period, time of day, year, etc)
c)  **weather conditions** - Is it rainy, sunny, stormy, etc?
d)  **social conditions** - What is the daily life of the characters like? Does the story contain local colour (writing that focuses on the speech, dress, mannerisms, customs, etc. of a particular place)?
e)  **mood or atmosphere** - What feeling is created at the beginning of the story?  Is it bright and cheerful or dark and frightening?