

Eng. 102KB – Fall 2021
Prof. Ash
Essay 2 – 30 points
Due by Oct 24th

A Piece of the Puzzle: The Setting's Impact

For this essay, examine the setting of one of the short stories we have studied. Explain your sense of how that that setting functions in the text and impacts the reader's experience of the text. Bear in mind that the story might have more than one significant kind of setting. You could examine that impact in a variety of ways.

For example, if you are looking at a story whose use of time is not linear and chronological, then you could think about how that movement affects the plot or helps you to learn more about a character.

For example, if you think the setting is primarily psychological, then you could explore how that choice helps you understand a specific character and compare the reader's understanding of that character to what the other characters in the story know.

For example, if you decide to explore how the story uses setting as defined by a place or places, then you could make an argument about why those places were selected or analyze how you responded to them.

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Whatever approach you take / argument you make, use specific textual evidence from the story to support your paper. Present and explain evidence clearly and specifically. Develop a clear sense of context for the illustrations you bring into your essay. Whenever possible, use specific setting vocabulary that we have discussed in class and that the textbook explains to give your paper added detail.

The relationship between your argument and the story you choose will form the basis of your thesis paragraph. The body of the essay will analyze and expand on that idea. If you can make a connection between your argument and the world or a current event, then that connection could enhance your paper. Your conclusion should not just summarize the paper; instead, think about what you learned while writing the paper and, perhaps, what new questions can be asked and answered.

The essay should be approximately 2-3 pages double-spaced in 12-point font and follow MLA formatting and include a Work Cited page. The essay must also have an original title that reflects its idea or its argument.