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WHERE IT BEGINS AND ENDS

The setting in which an author chooses to begin a novel can have significance. It can give us clues to the events and lives of the characters before the novel begins. Take a closer look at where the novel begins, where it ends, and the significance of these two locations. (**Note:** If the beginning and ending settings are the same, this can also be important.)

1. Describe the setting in which the novel begins. Use the novel's title in your answer.

2. What does this setting tell us about the main character's life before the novel begins?

3. Describe the setting in which the novel ends. _____

4. How do the events in the novel get the main character from the opening setting to the ending setting?

5. How does the ending setting show a change (or lack of change) in the character's life?

6. What do you think the ending setting tells us about the near future for the main character? Give reasons for your answer.

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MAKING THE MOOD

Authors have many ways of creating a feeling or mood. Think about a scene from the novel that was filled with mood. Choose a scene that made you feel an emotion (fear, anxiety, joy, excitement, anger, dread, etc.).

Scene (the main event that happens): _____

Mood (the main feeling conveyed): _____

Complete the chart below. The column on the left lists five elements the author combined to create this scene. For each element, explain how it contributed to the mood of the scene.

| Element | How It "Made" the Mood |
|---|------------------------|
| <p>Plot (the events that happen)</p> | |
| <p>Setting (the time when and place where the events happen)</p> | |
| <p>Characterization (the people and animals in the story)</p> | |
| <p>Voice (the tone of the narrator who is telling the story)</p> | |
| <p>Dialogue (the words spoken by the characters)</p> | |