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TWO TALES IN ONE

In the world of a novel — just like in our world — there is often more than one storyline to follow at a time. While a main character’s storyline is featured, other characters have their own storylines and other events happen at the same time.

Use the diagram below to show how another of the novel’s storylines is happening at the same time as the main one.

- ✦ Do the events of the other storyline affect the main storyline in any way? If so, jot some notes about how they do this.
- ✦ Do the storylines meet up at the end? If so, fill in the final box to show how the two storylines come together.



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Main Storyline	Other Storyline	Effect(s) on Main Storyline
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TIME PERIOD

The term **setting** describes not only *where* a piece of writing takes place but also *when*. The time period in which a novel is set can be a very important element that helps you understand its characters and events. Work with a partner to consider the idea of *when* this novel takes place.

1. What is the time period of this novel? Circle one.

in the past in the future in our current time

2. What clues help you determine the time period of this novel? Complete the chart.

Clues	Examples
Objects (technology, etc.)	
Culture (art, speech, etc.)	
Style (clothes, etc.)	

3. Think about how the novel would be different if it were set in a different time.

- ✦ **If the novel is set in the future or the current time:** How would the novel need to change if it were set 100 years ago? Give three specific examples.
- ✦ **If the novel is set in the past:** How would the novel need to change if it were set in today's world? Give three specific examples.

4. Think about your answer to question #3. Could the novel work in this new time period? Or would it have to be too different? Explain.
