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#### **Develop a setting…**

Now that you have a realistic character, it’s time to develop a background or stage for the story. The background can set the mood of the story—for example, a dark alley at midnight might be scary—so be sure to pick a setting where you can see your character. Fill out the worksheet below and develop a setting for your short story. **Use Specific Details.**

Historical period (ex. Present day--2003)

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Weather (ex. 30 below zero temp)

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Place (ex. Anchorage, Alaska)

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Time of day (ex. Noon, before lunch)

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# Why is your character in this setting?

Is the character familiar here or is it a first-time visit?

What does the character see?

What sounds does your character hear?

What can your character smell?

Now you should be able to imagine your character in the setting you created. Try to imagine the setting in detail. Does the character like the setting? Is the character comfortable? Does the character want to be there? Why is the character in that setting?