

Literary Skillmaster 3 – Setting By Don Wulffson

The *setting* of a story is the time and place in which the action occurs. For example, a story might be set in a haunted house in the middle of winter, or on the planet Venus in the year 3023, or in the emergency room of a modern hospital at night.

DIRECTIONS: Read the excerpts from stories and identify the setting of each. That is in the spaces provided, identify the time and place in which the action occurs. (The first answer is given as an example)

EX > "The Confederacy is finished," said Josh, leaning on his rifle and shielding his eyes from the blazing sun August sun. "Even General Lee knows it." All I know is that I wish I was back home in the cool mountains," replied Andy. "I can't stand this heat."

Setting Time - *During the Civil War, on a summer day*

Place - *Somewhere in the state of Georgia*

1. Collins, the FBI man, walked briskly toward the Capitol Building. He seemed totally unaware of the old 1987 van creeping slowly down the iced street behind him.

Setting Time _____

Place _____

2. There was a slight chill in the air, and everywhere multicolored leaves drifted down from trees like wrinkled butterflies. Suddenly Mara froze. Standing near the

ruins of the Empire State Building were two robot guards

Setting Time _____

Place _____

3. The SS guard slapped the young boy and sent him sprawling into the muddy snow. "This is not a resort," shouted the Nazi. "It is a work camp. You will work, and you will follow every order exactly, or you will die."

Setting Time _____

Place _____

4. The Surface of the planet was as smooth and hard as marble. Lydians put her hand to her brow, cutting down the glare from the triple suns. As far as the eye could see, the landscape remained unchanged; nowhere was there a tree, a hill or a valley to interrupt the smooth flowing nothingness.

Setting Time _____

Place _____

