

# EXPLORING SETTINGS

The *setting* is the time, place, and environment where a story occurs, and the action happens. It is an important part of the story and can affect the characters and plot. A setting might be a real or imaginary place. The time can be the past, present, or future. The options are limitless!

**PART 1:** Look at the images of settings from Dungeons & Dragons (D&D) that your teacher presents. Choose one and review it carefully. Then, in the chart below, list words that describe the time, place, environment, and other details that you observe. Use the questions in each column to help you brainstorm.

Time	Place	Environment
Think about these questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What time of day is it?</li> <li>• What season is it?</li> <li>• Is it a specific moment of time?</li> <li>• How might the time affect things?</li> </ul>	Think about these questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where are you?</li> <li>• Is it inside or outside?</li> <li>• Is it a familiar or new place?</li> <li>• Is it a real or imaginary place?</li> </ul>	Think about these questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What does the environment look like?</li> <li>• Is it bright or dimly lit?</li> <li>• Are there any significant objects or landmarks?</li> <li>• Is it busy and crowded or quiet and deserted?</li> <li>• What is the weather like?</li> </ul>
Descriptive Words		

**PART 2:** Using the words above, write a paragraph on the back of this sheet that describes the setting. Include vivid details to help someone who has not seen the picture be able to visualize the place clearly.

