Elements of the Short Story

**SETTING** -- The time and location in which a story takes place is called the setting.

a) **place** - geographical location. Where is the action of the story taking place?

b) **time** - When is the story taking place? (historical period, time of day, year, etc)

c) **weather conditions** - Is it rainy, sunny, stormy, etc?

d) **social conditions** - What is the daily life of the character's like? Does the story contain local colour (writing that focuses on the speech, dress, mannerisms, customs, etc. of a particular place)?

e) **mood or atmosphere** - What feeling is created at the beginning of the story? Is it bright and cheerful or dark and frightening?