Write Right Now! With PeggySue Wells

Sensational Settings

Setting

Time
Place
Surroundings
Mood
Cultural Nuances
Historical period
Backdrop for a story

Setting can be the story

4 Setting Personalities

- Passive: So ordinary the setting is nearly invisible.
  In the Oval Office, Aboard the plane, In the bathroom, Driving home, At the office …
- Active: The French Revolution
- Like a Character: St. Croix
- Is the Story: *The Perfect Storm*

Use Setting to reflect the mood and to foreshadow

Weather, wardrobe malfunction, object breaks or is lost, illness

Describe what is unusual about the setting

If there is a gun over the mantle, it better go off in the story.

Color symbolism

Orange - neutral
Blue - purity
Black – death
Red – violence, pending bloodshed
Green – new life
White – life
Gold – wealth
Purple – royalty
Pink – femininity
Yellow – bright, summer, hope
Brown – earthy
Good guys wear the white hat, bad guys wear the black hat

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