

Setting & Mood: Sensory Setting Diorama

Name: _____ Date: _____

LEARNING OBJECTIVE

Students will analyze how specific setting details create mood and atmosphere.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- shoebox or poster board
- scissors
- tape or glue
- colored pencils or markers
- scrap paper (optional)

HANDS-ON ACTIVITY

1. Choose one setting from the story (the yacht at night, the jungle, Zaroff's chateau, or the Death Swamp).
2. Build a small diorama in a shoebox, or a detailed scene drawing on poster board, depicting that setting.
3. Around the border, write 5 sensory details (sight, sound, smell, touch) the text uses or implies for that setting.
4. Below the scene, write a 3-4 sentence paragraph explaining the mood this setting creates and which details produce it.
5. Label your diorama with a title of 3 words or fewer that captures its mood.

QUESTIONS

1. Which setting did you choose, and what is its dominant mood?
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2. List two sensory details from the text that support that mood.
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3. How would the jungle chase scenes feel different if they happened in daylight instead of over dark nights?
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4. Define 'mood' in your own words and explain how it differs from 'tone.'
