Setting Analysis

This must be written in essay format and should use at least 4 quotations which you must analysis and explore fully.

Task: An examination of the setting explored in (put name of novel in inverted commas) by (put writer’s name.)

Introduction

* Name the novel and writer
* Explain where/when it’s set
* Sum up why this is important (e.g. helps reveal theme.)
* Use evaluative vocabulary (skilful, clever, interesting etc.)

Setting - place

* Describe the setting in detail
* Describe your main character’s view of this place
* Explain in what way this place is important to them (feel safe/protected etc.)
* Explain what the writer wants us to feel about this place (positive/negative/fearful/intrigued etc.)
* Explain how they achieve this through analysing the description used.
* Use a quote to back up your points and analyse it fully.

Setting - time

* Describe the setting in detail (past, present, future.)
* Describe your main character’s view of this time period
* Explain what the writer wants us to feel about this time period (positive/negative/fearful etc.)
* Explain how they achieve this through analysing the description used.
* Use a quote to back up your point and analyse it fully.

Character and Setting relationship

* Explain how the character’s life, emotions, experiences etc. are affected by the place or time the novel is set (e.g. feel trapped.)
* Explain the limitations/expectations placed on them because of this setting (e.g. lack of freedom for women as set in the past etc.)
* Describe how the characters’ behaviour/actions are influenced by the era or place they live in.
* Explain how they feel about this
* Use a quote to back up your views and analyse it fully.
* Explain what this teaches the readers about the place and time the novel is set.

Realism

* Explain to what extent you think the writer builds a realistic setting (if your novel is set in the future, explain how likely you find the writer’s predictions.)
* Use a quote to back up your points and analyse fully.

Theme(s)

* Explain what key themes are covered in this novel.
* Explain how the setting helps the writer to enhance the power/meaning/impact of the key themes
* Use a quote to back up your views and analyse fully.
* Explain your views on these themes and how they make you feel towards the main character(s)

Conclusion

* Sum up what the reader discovers about the settings used
* Explain why this is enjoyable/intriguing/interesting
* Sum up what this taught you about character, theme etc.