

STORY IN CONTEXT

A BOOK, PLACE + PERSPECTIVE INVESTIGATION



YOUR PURPOSE

Choose one real-world topic connected to your book. Investigate its geographic, historical, or cultural context. Then compare what the book shows with what your research adds.

NAME _____
 DATE _____
 COUNTRY _____
 BOOK _____



BOOK



TOPIC



RESEARCH



COMPARISON



PERSPECTIVE

1 PLACE THE BOOK IN CONTEXT

Where is the book set or culturally connected?

When is it set or connected?

What kind of connection does it have to the country?

- ☐ Contemporary setting
- ☐ Historical setting
- ☐ Memoir or true account
- ☐ Myth, legend, or folktale
- ☐ Imagined place rooted in a real culture
- ☐ Another connection: _____

For a myth, folktale, or imagined setting:
 Which real culture, place, or historical tradition
 is connected to the story?

2 CHOOSE A TOPIC TO EXPLORE

Choose one real-world topic that appears in or connects to your book.

- ☐ A place, landscape, or climate
- ☐ A historical event or time period
- ☐ A tradition, celebration, or belief
- ☐ Food, clothing, homes, or transportation
- ☐ School, work, family, or daily life
- ☐ A social or political issue
- ☐ A myth, legend, or cultural practice
- ☐ Another topic: _____

MY TOPIC: _____

What does the book show or say about this topic?



NARROW YOUR TOPIC

Instead of "food," choose "the importance of rice in the region." Instead of "history," choose "the event described in Chapter 4."

3 CONSIDER THE BOOK'S PERSPECTIVE

Whose experiences or viewpoint
 does the book center?

What might the author, narrator, genre, or
 time period influence readers to notice?

Is this portrayal specific to one person,
 community, region, or period? Explain.

RESEARCH + REFLECT

**4** RESEARCH THE TOPIC

Use reliable sources to investigate your topic.

What did you learn?

Where and when is it found?

Why is it significant?

What context does a reader need to understand it?

5 THE BOOK SHOWS / MY RESEARCH ADDS

THE BOOK SHOWS

MY RESEARCH ADDS



The relationship is primarily:

- ☐ Research confirms the portrayal
- ☐ Research adds important context
- ☐ Research complicates the portrayal
- ☐ The book and research offer different perspectives

Explain your choice.

6 THEN + NOW

If relevant, how has this place or topic changed since the book's time?

- ☐ Changed
- ☐ No major change found
- ☐ The answer varies
- ☐ Not relevant
- ☐ Not enough evidence

What changed or remained important?

7 BEYOND ONE STORY

What can this book help readers understand about the country?

What can it not tell readers about the entire country or everyone who lives there?

What other person, community, region, or time period could provide another perspective?

8 CONTEXT CONCLUSION

The book presents _____ through the perspective of _____.

My research adds or complicates this portrayal by showing _____.

9 KEEP INVESTIGATING

What new question did this investigation raise?



SOURCES: Record at least two reliable sources.

1. _____

2. _____

