

# Literary Terms

**Objective:** The student will identify the setting, plot, point of view, theme, and main characters of the realistic fiction selections they have read.

**Standard:** Uses reading skills and strategies to understand and interpret a variety of literary texts

**Benchmark:** Makes inferences and draws conclusions about story elements

**Skill Development:** Familiarity with the literary terms setting, plot, point of view, theme, and main characters

**Organization:** Whole-class activity

## Materials

- index cards
- markers
- coffee can (decorated)

## Procedure

1. It is important for your students to become familiar with literary terms, such as setting, plot, point of view, theme, and main characters.
2. Write each term (setting, plot, point of view, theme, and main characters) on a different index card. Place the cards in a decorated coffee can.
3. Invite a student to select a card from the can.
4. The student reads the card aloud.
5. Then the student thinks of a realistic fiction story and gives a clue, such as, “The setting for the story is Pennsylvania.”
6. Other students in the class raise their hands and try to guess the story.
7. When a student gives a correct response, he or she is the next to select a card from the can.

Setting

Plot

Point of View

Theme

Main Characters