

Who, What, When, Where, Why

The 5 W's of a Story

Now we're gonna break down the elements of a story. Of course we've got to answer those five W's: Who, What, When, Where and Why.

Every single story that you read
Has a lot going on, you see?
Just ask five questions to learn more
About the most important details for sure.
_____ are the _____? Who is involved?
Who's the _____? Who makes the calls?
It could be King Tut, it could be a mutt,
The next question we ask is " _____?"
What is going on? What happened?
What is the _____? What-what is the _____?
_____ did it happen? When did it begin?
Was it in the past or the future? When?
_____ is this? Where on the map
are the characters? Where is this happening, in fact?
_____ did this happen? Why is there is action?
Those are the questions, you know how to ask them.

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Those are the five W's, no lie.
Who, What, When, Where, Why,
Important _____ of the story, no lie.

Now get your popcorn, make sure it's hot,
While I break down the story of Goldilocks.
Who are the characters? Well, there's Goldi,
Papa, Mama and the Baby Bear only
What happened? Goldilocks went into a home
That she didn't live in and she was alone.
She ate food, broke a chair, then fell asleep,

The three bears came home and pretty much freaked.
Goldilocks woke up and took off running,
That's what happened in the story, keep 'em coming.
When did it happen? Once upon a time, kid.
Where? In a forest that was oh-so-quiet.
Why was Baby Bear so upset?
'Cause Goldi ate his porridge and slept in his bed.
Why did Goldilocks run off with a shriek?
Because she was scared, but you don't have to be
If you ask...

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