

Who, What, When, Where, Why

The 5 W's of a Story

Learn more about this topic! Each section gives more detail on one of the lyrics from the song. Read each section, and then respond by answering the question or taking notes on key ideas.

Lyric: Just ask five questions to learn more



In every story, there are five big questions that help you analyze and understand information. Asking and answering these questions helps you find the most important details in the story. The five big questions are:

- **Who** are the characters in the story?
- **What** happens in the story?
- **Where** does the story take place?
- **When** does the story take place?
- **Why** do the events in the story happen?

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Lyric: Who are the characters?



The **characters** in the story are the people, animals or creatures that drive the action.

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Lyric: What is going on?



The main events in a story make up the **plot**.

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Lyric: When did it happen?



The answer to when a story takes place makes up part of the story's **setting**.

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Lyric: Where is this?



The answer to where a story takes place makes up the other part of the story's **setting**. Together, the "when" and the "where" are the setting.

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