

Task for *Burial Rites*

Setting and its function

In prose texts such as novels, setting can function beyond place to reveal societal concerns or psychological states of the characters. Apply this understanding to *Burial Rites*, where the extreme, harsh conditions offered by Iceland's climate and landscape assume a real presence. The novel is laden with rich imagery, sensorial, mood-evoking and atmospheric descriptions.

Identify some examples of these aspects of the setting, and describe how they contribute to a sense of foreboding and the gothic.

Example of vivid description of the setting. Quote and record the corresponding page number	Elements of nature described	How setting functions within that example. For instance, how does it: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• evoke mood?• establish the novel as gothic?• reflect character's state of mind or emotions?• contribute to theme?
