The Importance of Context



Elevate the Scenes

Oftentimes, when we read stories from the past, readers of the present lose context clues.

Things that were showing symbols in the past fly over our head.



Add More Stakes

More context equals more information. The more information we have, the more we feel the deeper subtexts of the story.



Intensity the Anticipation

Having context allows the reader more clues, which leads to higher anticipation. If we have an idea of what people of the past would have felt when a thing is mentioned, we in the present can experience that same dread.



Gain Deeper Understanding

Understanding context at the time of publication lets readers experience the text on an entirely new level. It gives us understanding of symbolism of the day, past metaphors, and even topics that would have been common knowledge at the time.