

For our discussion of adding historical context to our stories, we're going to look at examples from a classic memoir, [Growing Up by Russell Baker](#). Baker does an amazing job of telling a personal story within the context of New Jersey in the 1930s. Here are a few ways Baker contextualizes his experience:

1. **Time and place**

2. **Events**

3. **Details**

4. **Language**

5. **Fashion**

Other details to add context: music, food, housing, television and radio shows, pastimes, sports, etc.