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The following is an excerpt from chapter 2 of Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens.

Boys have generally excellent appetites. Oliver Twist and his companions suffered the tortures of slow starvation for three months: at last they got so voracious and wild with hunger, that one boy, who was tall for his age, and hadn't been used to that sort of thing (for his father had kept a small cook-shop), hinted darkly to his companions, that unless he had another basin of gruel per diem, he was afraid he might some night happen to eat the boy who slept next him, who happened to be a weakly youth of tender age. He had a wild, hungry eye; and they implicitly believed him. A council was held; lots were cast who should walk up to the master after supper that evening, and ask for more; and it fell to Oliver Twist.

**Directions:** Answer each question in a restated, complete sentence and cite textual evidence to support your answer.

1. How are the characters in this selection affected by the setting?

**Answer:**

**Textual Evidence:**

2. How do the conversations affect the story's plot?

**Answer:**

**Textual Evidence:**

3. How does the setting affect the selection?

**Answer:**

**Clues:**