

Graphic Organizer

ANALYZING MOOD

The Devil and Tom Walker Washington Irving

Mood Web The general feeling created in a piece of writing is called its **mood**. The mood is created by different elements: **diction**, or word choice; **plot**, and **setting**. The mood of most stories can be described in one or two words, such as *humorous*, *dark*, or *sentimental*.

Complete the mood web below to help you analyze the mood of “The Devil and Tom Walker.” Fill in the lower boxes first. Then sum up what you learned by filling in the center box. Or, if you already have a sense of the story’s mood, fill in the center box. Then find examples in the story to support your choice.

