



ANSWERS

Small Town Life

Examples

the unnatural snowfall
the fire that destroys Miss Maudie's house
superstitions about Boo
the ominous night of the Halloween play
the mad dog that Atticus shoots.

Effect

They make the forces of evil seem larger; they create tension and foreshadow larger troubles to come.

Gothic Details

Examples

everyone knows each other, for example, all of the children knowing things about each other that their new teacher doesn't know, and her making social mistakes because of it.
people coming together to help Miss Maudie salvage her belongings after the fire
Scout dressed as a giant ham during Bob Ewell's attack

Effect

The slow-paced, good-natured feel of the community contrasts with the gothic details to highlight the contrast between good and evil.