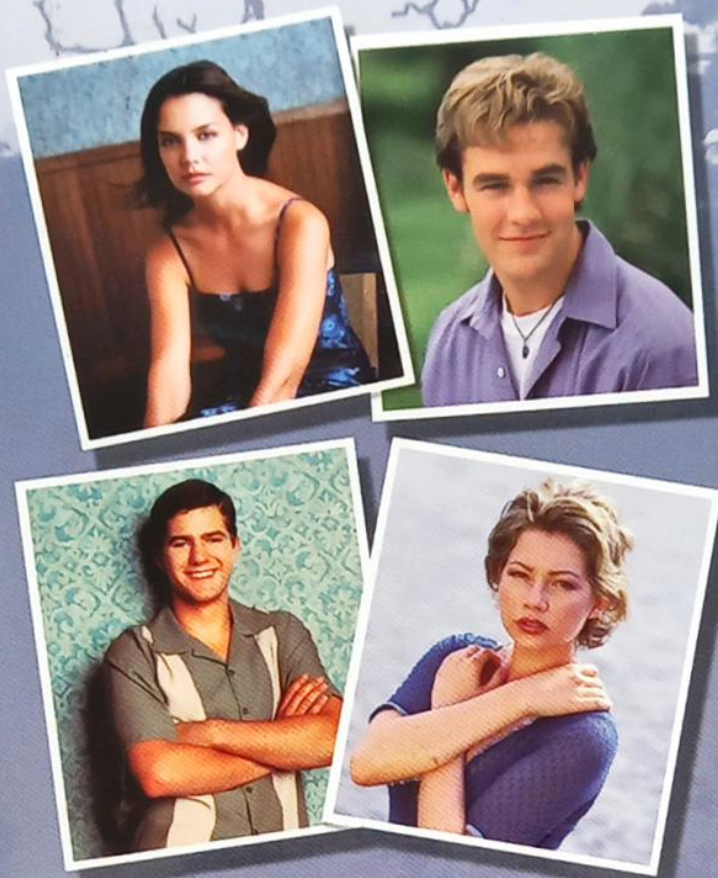


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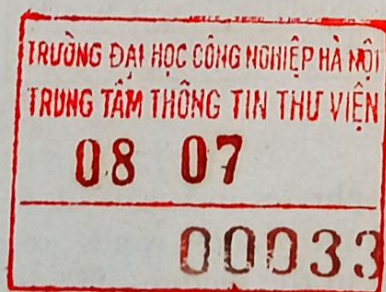
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Based on the television series "Dawson's Creek™"  
created by Kevin Williamson

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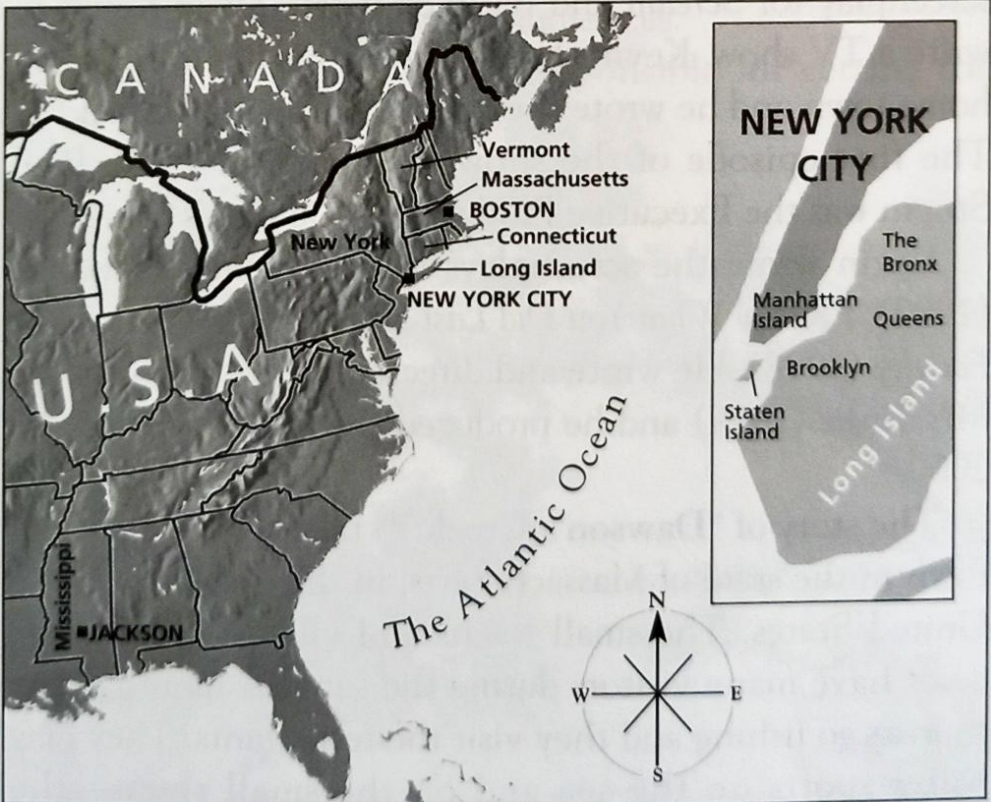
Starter	about 300 basic words
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## A Note About This Story

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**Kevin Williamson** is a screenplay writer and a producer and director of movies. He was born on March 14th, 1965 and grew up in New Bern, a small town in the state of North Carolina, in the east of the U.S.A.

Kevin loved movies and his favorite director was Steven Spielberg. Kevin studied theater and film at East Carolina University. In 1987, he left New Bern and went to New York. He wanted to become an actor. When he went to Los Angeles a few years later, he worked as an assistant to a director of music videos. Kevin studied script writing and wrote screenplays for movies. The first successful movie that he wrote was *Scream* (1996). Paul Stupin worked for Columbia TriStar Television. He read the screenplay for *Scream* and he liked it. He asked Kevin to write a TV show. Kevin thought about his life in his small home town and he wrote the story for “**Dawson’s Creek™**”. The first episode of the show was made in 1997. Paul Stupin was the Executive Producer of “**Dawson’s Creek™**”.

Kevin wrote the screenplays for the movies *Scream 2* (1997), *I Know What You Did Last Summer* (1997) and *The Faculty* (1998). He wrote and directed the movie, *Teaching Mrs Tingle* (1999) and he produced the movie *Scream 3* in 2000.

The story of “**Dawson’s Creek™**” takes place in a small town in the state of Massachusetts, in the northeast of the United States. The small towns and villages on the east coast have many visitors during the summer months. The tourists go fishing and they visit the restaurants. They play water sports on the sea and on the small rivers—the

creeks—in the area. “Dawson’s Creek™” is based on Kevin Williamson’s own life when he was a teenager. He called the town in his story Capeside. The characters of Dawson and Joey are based on Kevin himself and his best friend, Fanny Norwood.

**C.J. Anders** is the name used by a husband and wife who are authors of fiction for young adults.

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**script** the words of a movie that actors have to speak.

**screenplay** the script of a movie that includes all the important information for everyone who is making the movie. For example, there are instructions for the actors, cameramen and film technicians. There are descriptions of where the scenes take place.

**director** the person who gives instructions to everyone as a scene is filmed. The director also decides how the movie is edited before it is shown to audiences.

**producer** the person who is responsible for getting the money to make a movie.



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