Mood Prewriting Activity

Step 1

Directions: Complete the graphic organizer below.

What is the setting?	South Beach on a summer night
What is the mood/feeling(s) you hope to achieve through your description of this scene?	Exciting, playful, serene
What do you see in this setting? Be specific.	Stepping from the boardwalk onto the sand, running toward the blue-black ocean, the beachfront lights, the Miami skyline, Brittany floating in the water, our bags on the sand, the moon
What do you hear in this setting? Be specific.	Our laughter, the waves, the shrill noise Lauren makes as she walks into the ocean, Brittany saying that the water feels like a bath, music from a nearby club
What do you physically feel, taste, and/or smell in this setting? Be specific.	My feet in the sand, the water which initially feels cold and then becomes warm, the cold drops Lauren splashes at us, the taste of salt, the smell of seaweed

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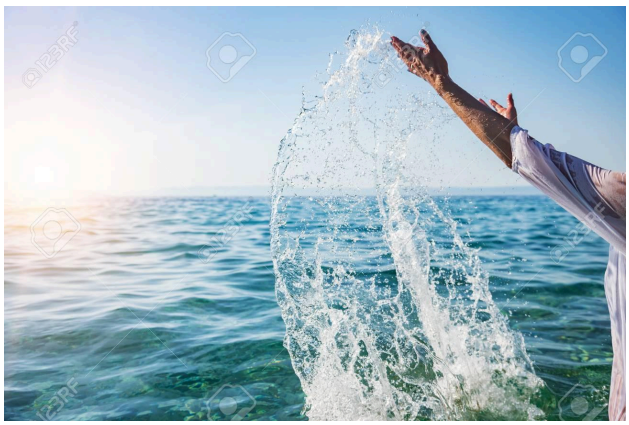
Step 2

Directions: See the scene: To better visualize the setting, draw it below. Alternatively, create a collage of images (can be Google images).







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