

English 10 Q2 Descriptive Essay

Task: Write a descriptive essay that uses vivid detail, imagery, and figurative language (similes and metaphors) to describe a person, place, or object in vivid detail.

Follow the steps below to write your descriptive essay:

1. Choose a place, or object that you are fond of or that is special to you.
2. Brainstorm (using a web diagram) all the traits of this place or object. Consider how it looks, feels, sounds, tastes, and smells.
3. Then, write a descriptive essay using the outline below.
4. Be sure to include vivid details and try a metaphor or simile to help the reader get a strong sense of the place or object.
5. Show, don't tell. Tell: The house was old. Show: The house sagged like the back of a tired ox, and the floors moaned loudly as one walks across them.
6. Open a Googledoc and name it Yourlastname E10 Q2. Draft the essay in the Googledoc following the outline below.
7. When you are finished drafting, share the Googledoc with your English teacher.
8. When you receive feedback from your teacher, make the changes, polish the essay, and copy and paste the essay from the Googledoc in to Odyssey to be graded.

Outline:

Introduction: Introduce the object or place. Give some background on it.

For an object consider: How did it come into your possession?

Where does the object generally sit, stand, or lie?

For a place: Where is the place located?

When was the first time you went there?

Body paragraphs (the essay should be at least 3 body paragraphs:

For an object, you might want to break up each of the five senses into its own paragraph (so you would have five brief paragraphs--one for how it feels, one for how it looks, one for how it smells, etc. If all five senses don't apply, then use only the senses that do.

For a place, break up each of the five senses in its own paragraph (so you would have five brief paragraphs--when you describe how it looks, start from the ground and move up with your description, one for how it sounds, feels, etc. (use the senses that apply).

Conclusion paragraph: Discuss in 5-8 sentences why this object or place is special or meaningful to you.