

Essay #1 Descriptive Essay

Date: _____

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Title: _____

Prewriting

1. **Brainstorming:** Choose a type of graphic organizers introduced in class, and then use it to develop your ideas of the chosen topic. Do not worry about whether the idea is completely related to your topic or not, and do not try to judge whether the idea is a good one or a bad one. Just write down any idea that pops up in your head.

2. **Outlining:** Review your brainstorming ideas and your freewriting exercise. Then use the chart below to write an outline for your essay.

Introduction

What is your *topic*? _____

Think of a *hook* that will engage the reader. _____

Write some notes on relevant *background information* your reader may need. _____

What is your *thesis statement*? _____

Body paragraph

What details will you include in your description? What words or phrases do you think you will use?

Conclusion

What is the final opinion you want to give about your description? _____

First Draft

After finishing your first draft, re-read to do the self-review. Following are some leading questions for you to think about. Answer the questions before you bring your draft to class.

Self Review Questions

1. My thesis statement that tells my reader what I am describing is:

2. I have details/descriptions about the five sensory perceptions, including:

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____

3. The reader would know that I am finished writing because

4. Have I provided enough details and descriptions to enable my readers to gain a complete and vivid picture?

5. Have I left out any minor but important details?

6. Have I used words that convey my emotion or perspective?

7. Are there any unnecessary details in my description?

8. Does each paragraph of the essay focus on one aspect of the description?

9. Are my paragraphs ordered in the most effective way?
