**Descriptive Writing Assignment**

Write a 1 page (250 word) descriptive essay describing an event, a place, or thing that is familiar to other people. Do NOT come out and say what it is you are describing, but instead allow readers to figure it out themselves. Use the following criteria when completing this assignment:

* Use sensory details and local colour
* Stay focused on your subject (i.e. Unity)
* Appeal to at least three senses
* Sentence variety and paragraphs
* Use at least one comparison

Remember to consider your purpose and audience when selecting descriptive details. Do you want your reader to like your subject? Dislike it? Choose diction that will help create the overall impression you are striving for and have fun. Note: This is NOT a structured five paragraph essay.

Evaluation

/ 10 Content (engaging description and detail, etc..)

/ 5 Style (strong diction, sentence variety. transitions, etc.)

/ 3 Emphasis (comparison. rhetorical devices, etc.)

/ 2 Mechanics (spelling, grammar)

Total 20 marks

**Description Essay Evaluation**

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| **Content**   * offers highly original, vivid, and engaging description and supporting details in recreating people, places and/or events * unified by theme and tome * contains a clear implied thesis | /10 |
| **Style**   * uses sensory details and local colour * body paragraphs are developed with original description * transitions between ideas and paragraphs create a sense of coherence or “flow” in the essay * a clear method of organization is evident | /5 |
| **Emphasis**   * good sentence variety and vivid precise diction * appeals to at least three senses and uses one comparison * A minimum of 3 rhetorical devices are used in the essay and add greater emphasis to the main argument, they are underderlined | /3 |
| **Mechanics**   * spelling, punctuation and sentence structure are applied with a high degree of accuracy and effectiveness | /2 |
| Total: | /20 |