

#### Essay #4: The Description Essay

Write a properly focused essay of description using one of the following ideas OR an idea of your choice that your professor has approved. Create a dominant impression by using carefully chosen, well-organized details observed from an appropriate vantage point. **Try to write so that the reader actually experiences your description.**

- Holiday Shopping
- A concert of some type
- An exercise class
- A crafts class
- An amusement park, a miniature or full-sized golf course, or some other type of recreational facility
- A juice bar or coffee shop
- A pet store or zoo
- The lobby of a theater
- A professional wrestling performance
- A shopping center or minimart
- A fast-food restaurant
- Some type of party
- An outdoor place of special importance to you
- A Thanksgiving (or some other special occasion) dinner
- A reunion of some type
- A NASCAR race
- A video game arcade
- A scene of environmental damage
- A historical building or site
- Your favorite place

Your essay must:

- Include a “why,” as in answers the question, “why did you choose to describe this?” (Do NOT literally answer this question by stating, “I wrote about this because . . . .”)
- Be informal in tone
- Include a sufficient amount of sensory impressions
- Be 5-10 hand-written pages in length, double-spaced.  
(1 page=1 piece of paper filled with writing on both sides)
- Follow MLA formatting guidelines and those set forth in the “Paper Guide” packet

Failure to adhere to formatting guidelines will result in a grade deduction of up to 10 points.