

Smiley-Face Trick (Descriptive) Essay

Now that we have learned all about rhetorical strategies and their function and purpose within a text, it's your turn to apply them to your writing.

You are to choose your favorite thing—this can be a person, a place, an object, a memory, even a feeling—and describe it in no more than two-pages (you may also choose to describe your LEAST favorite _____). You must correctly use at least seven (7) different strategies in your description to help you be clear and unique. Your use of such moves should be organic, purposeful, and effectual.

Your essay overall must express a dominant impression—a strong “feeling” about your favorite thing...does it make you feel happy, melancholy, peaceful, irritated? Whatever attitude you have, your reader must feel that as well, so be consistent.

Descriptions must include both objective and subjective descriptions, along with an appropriate selection of detail—you can't describe every aspect, so choose those elements that make it so special (or not) to you and describe them clearly and concisely.

You will need to complete at least two rough drafts before handing in your polished final essay. You will have a few class periods to write, edit, and complete peer evaluations.

This essay is due on: _____

Name: _____

😊 Descriptive Essay Rubric 😊

Overall Voice _____ (35)

- *At least seven different rhetorical tools are used correctly for effect
- *Strategies appear naturally in the writing
- *Strategies are unique and clever (provide a new way of saying something)
- *The writer is clearly writing from experience
- *Author's voice is vibrant, clear, and strong

Dominant Impression _____ (25)

- *Writer uses vivid words and strong imagery to appeal to readers' emotions
- *Diction and syntax are natural and not forced
- *Visuals are not overdone
- *Writer uses both objective and subjective description

Organization _____ (10)

- *Essay is organized effectively, with an appropriate introduction, supporting details, and conclusion
- *Reader's interest is maintained

Format _____ (10)

- No "yuckies"
- Grammar and punctuation are correct
- Correct spelling is used throughout the essay
- Essay follows general MLA formatting rules

COMMENTS:

TOTAL _____ (80)
