

Assessment Rubric for Descriptive Essays



Stimulating Ideas

The writing . . .

___ focuses on an inviting subject.

___ contains a variety of supporting information (sensory details, memory details, and so on).

___ informs and entertains the reader

Logical Organization

___ includes an engaging beginning, strong development, and an effective ending.

___ forms a meaningful whole, moving smoothly from one main point to the next.

Engaging Voice

___ displays a thorough knowledge of the subject.

___ speaks with an appropriate voice.

Original Word Choice

___ contains specific nouns, vivid verbs, and colorful modifiers.

___ captures the subject's ideas and feeling in dialogue.

Effective Sentence Style

____ flows smoothly from one idea to the next.

____ shows variation in sentence structure.

Correct, Accurate Copy

____ adheres to the basic rules of writing

____ follows the appropriate format for citing sources (MLA).