**Writing Sample**

**Treasure Island**

Treasure Island is a Gulf Coast beach community located in south St. Petersburg, Florida, just 10 minutes from downtown. At the end of the city’s main artery, Central Avenue, this neighborhood feels a world away, with miles of wide, white-sand beaches and an undeniable “old Florida” vibe. Home to snowbirds and locals alike, Treasure Island’s seasonal influx of tourists keeps this community lively and fun.

**Highlights**

Sunny Treasure Island has a charming, small-town feel, in part because it’s so easy to navigate by foot. Local bars and restaurants are family-owned and welcoming, while conveniences like big name supermarkets and banks can be found, as well. Houses here range from modest, single-family dwellings tucked in quiet alcoves, to condos overlooking the Gulf, and newly constructed dream homes on the inter-coastal waterway. The common draw to this community, of course, is the beach. With some of the most beautiful coastline in the world, Treasure Island and surrounding beaches have a natural allure that’s hard to beat. The powdery white sand and calm green surf of TI’s rarely-crowded shores beckon by day, with sunsets providing free entertainment by night.

**Area Attractions**

There’s plenty to do in Treasure Island. Bring your clubs and head to [Treasure Bay Golf and Tennis](http://www.treasurebaygolfandtennis.com/pages/index.cfm?siteid=2712) for a round, or book a trip to fish the flats with [Non Stop Fishing Charters](http://www.nonstopfishingcharters.com/). When it comes to entertainment, this small town packs a punch. Restaurants abound and casual, waterfront dining keeps locals coming back for favorites, like [Woody's](http://www.woodyswaterfront.com/) grilled grouper sandwich. Or, if it’s a cozy, family ambience you want, bring the kids for spaghetti and pizza at the red-checked tabletops of [Gigi's Italian Restaurant](http://www.gigisitalianrestaurant.com/). When the sun goes down, catch some live music at the sometimes rowdy [Ricky T's](http://www.rickytsbarandgrille.com/), or cross the street for something more mellow-- margaritas on the beach at [Sloppy Joe's](http://sloppyjoesonthebeach.com/).