

Benchmark Paper

Ideas: Finding a Topic 1

The Top Thrill Dragster

We were traveling to Ohio for our family vacation. My dad, mom, brother, and I were going there for a week, specifically to go to Cedar Point. Cedar Point is an amusement park that has sixteen roller coasters, and a bunch of rides. The best ride that is there is called The Top Thrill Dragster.

The Top Thrill Dragster is an astounding four hundred and twenty feet high. It is a roller coaster that is so tall, if you stair at the very top for a few seconds you'd sprain your neck. It is a roller coaster that shoots you off from a stop, sending you on a wild ride that jerks you from zero to one hundred and twenty miles per hour, in four seconds.

The lines for the ride were horrendous. Waiting for three hours was nothing. As we waiting, not so patiently, you could hear zooooom, and awww off in the distance! While I stood in line I timed how long the ride was. It took only twenty seconds to go straight up four hundred and twenty feet and straight down four hundred and twenty feet. A perfect right angle.

As the ride starts, it shoots you off and it takes your picture. Flash. On your way back down when the ride is almost over, it takes your picture again. Flash. Then you get to look at it in the photo booth. We bought a picture, and it was hilarious. I keep it tucked into my binder as a reminder of this awesome day.

The weather that week was perfect. Sunny with a light breeze. We rode the Top Thrill Dragster twice that week because the lines were so long. When the week was over I told my dad that I would like to come back again, sometime. I loved our trip to Cedar Point and the Top Thrill Dragster.