**English Foundations Fall 2022**

**Writing Assignment: Descriptive Writing Paragraph**

**(Page 18 in the QSkills Textbook)**

A descriptive paragraph gives information about a topic. It includes details and descriptive language to create an image in the reader’s mind. You want to make the reader feel that they are experiencing what you are writing about.

**Assignment: Your task is to write a piece of descriptive writing between 250-350 words.**

**Essay topic:**

**Describe a trendy or popular product or place using descriptive language.**

If you decide to participate in the Writing Clinic, the draft should be submitted as a Word document on and should be at least 200 words. The draft should be a completed piece of descriptive writing, following the format discussed in the video and in our textbook. Make sure it includes a strong introduction and conclusion. The draft is due at least the day before your personal Writing Clinic appointment.

The final submission should be about 350 words and should be an edited, polished, and perfected version of your previous attempt. It should be an expanded piece which includes more figurative language, more descriptive language, and adds detail to your draft. The final submission, including a screenshot of your draft with feedback, should be submitted as a Word document on Ecampus before the start of our class in week 7.

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| Version | Requirements |
| Draft (If you are participating in the Writing Clinic) | Length: 200-350 words Writing Expectations: A completed narrative essay, including introduction, supporting sentences and conclusion. Submission: If participating in the writing clinic, email the file the day before your session. |
| Final Submission | Length: 250-350 words Writing Expectations: Edited, polished, final version. Expand on descriptive language and details. Submission: ECampus (MS Word document file, .doc / .docx, including: (Essay Contest Application and Letter of Oath if you are participating) Due Date: Week 7 via ECampus |

While writing your Descriptive Essay, please focus on the following:

* Audience: Your teacher and your classmates.
* Order of events: This should be logical and easy to follow with a beginning, middle, and end. Descriptive writing usually follows a chronological order.
* First person point-of-view (I, we, me).
* Purposeful dialogue: This should show action and move along the storyline and not just idle conversation.
* Impact: Your work should leave the reader with a lesson or emotional connection.
* Vocabulary choices: Including lively and active verbs, sensory language that appeals to the readers’ five senses, descriptive language (awesome adjectives and adverbs), Transitional words and phrases. Characters, places, and actions should be described in detail using interesting vocabulary choices.
* Use of figurative language/literary devices (flashback, irony, etc.)
* Variety of sentence lengths and styles.

**All assignments will be checked for copying using a plagiarism checker. If your piece is found to be copied, you will receive an F grade for the course.**

Your assignment should follow MLA formatting (i.e. Times New Roman / Arial font, 1‖ margins, 12 point size, double-spaced, indented paragraphs) in a Microsoft Word document (.doc / .docx)