Memory and Place: Describe and Analyze an Important Place

# **English 150, Spring 2019**

(400-500 words)

## **Overview**

Choose one place that is memorable for you that is not on campus. Write about this place, focusing on two or three memories specifically. Why do these memories make that place important to you? How do these memories contribute to your understanding of this place?

### **Consider these places:**

* Your high school
* Your favorite place from your hometown
* Your first virtual space
* Pride or another cultural celebration
* A destination (whether that’s across the state, country or world)
* A religious space important to you
* Others …

### **Address the following in your essay:**

* What is this place? Is there an official name for it? Do you/others know it by another name?
* What is this place like? Think about the physical description, but also the atmosphere/culture of the place. Try to think about giving your audience a vivid description, but don’t simply list every feature. One way to start is to think about the sensory details (i.e., sight, sound, touch, smell, taste).
* What are the memories that are important to you? Choose two or three. These can be related to one another or not. Describe those memories in narrative form.
* How do these memories help you understand the place? Why do they make this place important to you? Explain and interpret your memories for the audience.

### **ePortfolio Connection:**

This writing exercise will be your first contribution to your ePortfolio. You should reformat it for the web (see web writing resources on Canvas) and add a picture or video that reinforces your topic.

## **Evaluation Criteria**

* Context: Clearly states your attitude toward various experiences, memories, and people associated with your chosen place.
* Substance: Provides specific and relevant examples or experiences that support the stated attitude.
* Organization: Appropriately organized into paragraphs, one main idea per paragraph.
* Style: Contains few errors in mechanics.
* Delivery: Demonstrates consistent MLA formatting for typography, headings, and visuals.