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|  | Descriptive Essay Outline**What is a Descriptive Essay?**A **descriptive essay** is a type of essay which describes an object, person, process, or event.The writer’s goal is to create:* A vivid reading experience
* To show instead of telling

Descriptive writing usually appeals to the **five senses**: *taste, touch, smell, hearing, and sight.*Most importantly, your essay should have a **purpose**. It could be anything from a lesson you learned from experience to a story of how an object impacted your life.**Introduction**:The introduction serves to introduce your subject to the reader and give them enough context to fully understand your essay, but keep it brief and interesting to the reader.* **Hook Sentence:** Although the entire essay should be full of exciting and vivid descriptions, grabbing the reader's attention from the very beginning is ideal!
* **Context / Background Information**: Tell the reader what you’re about to describe and explain why it is crucial to you. Give them a brief context for your paper.
* **Thesis Statement**: The descriptive essay thesis should be a short, but concise summary of the essay. It must include the subject of description and your purpose for describing it.

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|  | **Body Paragraphs**:Normally, there are three body paragraphs within an essay. However, depending on the assignment instructions for a descriptive essay, the number of paragraphs will vary.**How to start a body paragraph for a descriptive essay**:1. **Start with a topic sentence**- For example: “The orange looks familiar; it is around citrus fruit whose color matches its name.”
2. **Use sensory details**: When describing the orange, appeal to the five senses (e.g. spherical shape, dimpled texture, vibrant orange color, strong citric fragrance, and sweet and tangy flavor,).
3. **Include actual details**: Always include descriptive information within your body paragraphs.
4. **Finish a body paragraph by introducing the next**: Transition sentences are essential because they create immersion within your writing. It is better than reading a list of facts.

**Conclusion**:* **Reflection is Key**: The first thing to do in the end is to reflect on the initial purpose of the essay. Describe why you decided to write about this subject, and how this subject has affected your life.
* **Signify the Importance of the Details**: Next, go over some key moments of the essay. Give a summary of what you have covered and prepare the audience for the clincher statement.
* **Clincher Statement**: The clincher is the final sentence which reinforces an overall purpose or leaves your audience with an intriguing thought, question, or quotation.

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