# Assignment: Describe a Significant Place in your Life

## Brainstorm

**Think about an important, favorite, or special place. Write a short answer to any questions that apply.**

* Where do you go when you are very happy?
* Where do you go when you are very sad?
* What is a room in your home where you always feel comfortable?
* What is a natural place, such as in the forest or mountains, at a lake or in a park, where you like to go to?
* What is some other outside/outdoors place where you like to spend time?
* What is a place where you spend many hours every week?
* What store do you like to shop at?
* What restaurant do you like to eat at?
* Is there a house or another building that you admire or like?
* If you could be anywhere right now, where would you choose to be and why?
* What is a place that makes you feel calm and secure?
* What is a place that you enjoyed or feared when you were younger?

# Description Paragraph Assignment

For this assignment, you will write a description of a place that has some significance for you.

Descriptive writing shows in detail how something looks, sounds, smells, feels, and sometimes tastes.

Write a paragraph describing a favorite place. Answer these questions in paragraph form. Make sure to include a title, an effective topic sentence, and a conclusion. Use descriptive adjectives to include vivid sensory details.

1. What is an important, special, or favorite place for you? Where is it located?
2. When and/or why do you usually go there? (or went there in the past if you no longer go there) When was the last time you were there? How often do you (did you in the past) go there? How long do you usually stay there (stayed if in the past)?
3. What activities do you do in this place? Who do you go with or do activities with? Why do you choose this place and not some other place to go?
4. What can you see in this place? (people, activities, buildings, furniture, nature, furniture, colors, etc.).
5. What can you hear there?
6. What does the place smell like?
7. How do you feel about this place? Why is it special or important? Is it your favorite place?

Why?

Include the following:

1. A heading (your name, my name, class, the date) in the top left corner
2. An appropriate title centered
3. An indented topic sentence that identifies the place, its location, and its significance to you
4. Descriptions of the place (sights, colors, textures, materials, sounds, smells, etc.)
5. A logical and clear organization for describing the place (for example, top to bottom, inside to outside, left to right, panoramic, etc.)
6. Whom you spend or spent time there with and your activities
7. A concluding sentence that tells how you feel about this place, why it is special or important, or if it is your favorite place and why
8. Include (an) image(s) or video that you have or search on Google Images or YouTube. As desired, you can use an AI image generator, as well, to create an image.

# Description #1 (Place) Paragraph Evaluation

1. Format is correct (heading, centered title, indented first line, double spaced) 0 1
2. Paragraph includes an appropriate title 0 1 2
3. Effective topic sentence that identifies the place, location, and importance to the writer 0 1 2 3
4. Supporting sentences include plenty of sensory details and descriptive adjectives 0 1 2 3
5. Conclusion is effective (restates main idea or tells how the writer feels) 0 1 2 3
6. It is clear why the writer chose this topic 0 1 2
7. Paragraph is well organized 0 1 2
8. Paragraph is interesting to read 0 1 2
9. Minimal mechanical errors (grammar, spelling, punctuation) 0 1 2

Total points \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ / 20 = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_%

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