Write a paragraph describing where you grew up. Answer these questions in paragraph form. Make sure to include a title, an effective topic sentence, and a conclusion. Try to use descriptive adjectives and at least one adjective clause (who/ that/ which/ when/ where). See the sample for ideas.

1. Where did you grow up (city or town, state or province, country)?
2. Describe the place – how was it when you were living there: how big or small was it? What could you see, hear, etc.
3. How did the place make you feel?
4. How long has it been since you last lived or visited the place where you grew up?
5. How has the place changed since the time you were living there? If you haven’t been there, how do you think it has changed?
6. How do you feel about the place now?

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Description #2

Remembering the Place Where I Grew Up

 Rapid City is the medium-sized town where I grew up, and it is located in the state of South Dakota, which is a state in the north-middle part of the United States. In my neighborhood there were large, old oak trees and green lawns, surrounded by hills covered in pine trees. The street was quiet, with only the sound of birds singing and some cars passing every once in a while. During the cold, snowy winters, most people stayed inside, and outside you could smell wood burning in fireplaces and see smoke coming out chimneys. In the summer, you could see people walking dogs or jogging, hear lawnmowers, smell cut-fresh grass, and see squirrels jumping from tree to tree in the daytime and bats flapping and diving in the sky at nighttime. My hometown made me feel secure and comfortable. Now I usually visit the place where I grew up one time a year to visit my parents. Not a lot has changed except now there are more people, more traffic, and more places to go, such as shopping malls and restaurants. I feel content when I think about the place where I grew up; however, my new home is with my own little family -- my husband and two children -- here in Oceanside, California, and my heart is here with them.