Descriptive Narration Essay Instructions
Text-Only Version

• Select an engaging topic; perform necessary research; complete the planning pages; and draft a 500 word essay (cannot exceed 550 words) on a topic that lends itself to the Descriptive Narration pattern;
• Incorporate sense detail, imagery, and setting;
• Maintain a clear pattern of development from beginning to end (chronological ordering);
• Include a clear identification of Writer’s purpose, intended audience, and goals of essay;
• Apply writing guidelines as provided in the course syllabus, and reiterated through the text, lectures, and discussions;
• Edit and proof work thoroughly before submitting; this includes spellcheck and grammar check.

• The essay word count must be verified in Microsoft Word, and documented on the actual essay at the bottom of the last page, immediately following the essay conclusion (cut and paste).
  • Three supporting sources and MLA citation of all borrowed material used in the essay are mandatory, no exceptions; supporting your essay with sources is a research requirement; it is not an option, and should you fail to include the three required sources, your essay will receive an automatic score of ZERO.

Minimum Assignment Requirements:

All essays written in this course require a minimum of three (3) secondary sources of support and MLA in-text citation of all borrowed material. Instruction and application of MLA citation guidelines will be provided. Sources such as SparkNotes, Wikipedia, Helpme123, and other commercial sites are not acceptable sources for academic writing. Library resources should be used in conjunction with the course LibGuide. Other minimum assignment requirements include word count, submission format, and on-time submission. Essays not meeting minimum assignment requirements will receive a score of ZERO (see a full list of minimum/maximum requirements in the assignment and on the assignment rubric).
Three supporting sources and MLA citation of all borrowed material used in the essay are mandatory, no exceptions.

500 Word Count Minimum: The essay has to be at least 500 words and it cannot exceed 550 words. The word count begins with the first word of the introduction and ends with the last word of the conclusion (Names, headings, and titles are not included in the word count).

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