

# Descriptive Essay Example Analysis Worksheet

## Purpose:

Use this worksheet to actively study descriptive essay examples. Identify techniques, note patterns, and practice replicating effective strategies in your own writing.

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## Essay Information

- **Title of Example Essay:** \_\_\_\_\_
  - **Author (if known):** \_\_\_\_\_
  - **Subject Type:** (Person / Place / Experience / Object) \_\_\_\_\_
  - **Education Level:** (Middle School / High School / College) \_\_\_\_\_
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## 1. Dominant Impression

- **What is the central feeling or mood of the essay?**

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- **Which sentences or details reinforce this impression?**

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## 2. Sensory Details

### Sense Example from Text Notes on Effectiveness

Sight

Sound

Smell

Taste

Touch

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## 3. Show vs. Tell

- Identify a “telling” statement (stated fact or quality):  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - Rewrite as “showing” using concrete sensory details:  
\_\_\_\_\_
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#### 4. Figurative Language

Type	Example from Text	Effect on Reader
Simile		
Metaphor		
Personification		
Other		

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#### 5. Organization & Structure

- What organizational method is used? (e.g., spatial, chronological, thematic)  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - How does this structure guide the reader?  
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#### 6. Strengths

- What techniques worked particularly well?  
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#### 7. Areas for Improvement

- Could anything be enhanced for clarity, detail, or impact?  
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#### 8. Replication Ideas

- Which techniques can you use in your own essay?
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**Instructions for Students:**

1. Choose an essay example from the collection.
2. Fill in each section of this worksheet while reading carefully.
3. Focus on noticing **patterns, specific language choices, and techniques that create vivid imagery.**
4. Use observations to plan and draft your own descriptive essay.