

Rubric for Describing a Person

Name: _____ Date of Assignment: _____

Length _____/10

Is the essay at least three or four paragraphs long? _____

Content _____/74

Is there a description of the person's physical features? (10 points) _____

Is there a description of the person's clothing? (10 points) _____

Is there a description of the person's actions and behaviors? (10 points) _____

Are there hints about the person's emotions? (10 points) _____

Are there hints about the person's character? (5 points) _____

Are there hints about the person's motives? (5 points) _____

Are the word choices vivid? (12 points) _____

Does the writing appeal to the senses? (12 points) _____

Form _____/16

Sentence variety _____

Many varied sentences: 4 points

Good sentence variety: 3 points

Some sentence variety: 2 points

Little or no sentence variety: 0 points

Grammar and usage _____

Few or no grammar errors: 4 points

Occasional grammar errors: 3 points

Some grammar errors: 2 points

Many grammar errors: 0 points

Number of spelling errors _____

2 or fewer per page: 3 points

3 per page: 2 points

4 per page: 1 point

5 or more per page: 0 points

Number of punctuation and capitalization errors _____

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Yes: 2 points

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Rubric for Describing Nature

Name: _____ Date of Assignment: _____

Length _____/12

Is the essay four paragraphs long?

Content _____/72

Does the description include the habitat of the scene? (10 points)

Does the description hint at the time of year? (5 points)

Does the description include the time of day? (5 points)

Does the topic sentence appear in the first paragraph and state the main idea? (10 points)

Are the word choices vivid? (10 points)

Does the writing appeal to the senses? (10 points)

Does the description include at least two metaphors? (6 points)

Does the description include at least two similes? (6 points)

Does the description include the author's actions and reactions if the essay uses first-person perspective? (optional, adjust points accordingly)

Does the description show the drama of nature, something funny, sad, or thought-provoking? (optional, adjust points accordingly)

Does the last paragraph contain a reminder of the topic sentence? (10 points)

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Short Story Rubric

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Content _____/84

Plot _____/34

Does the narrative have a clear beginning? (8 points) _____

Does the narrative have a clear middle? (8 points) _____

Does the narrative have a clear end? (8 points) _____

Does the story contain a goal for the protagonist, an antagonist in opposition, and conflict? (10 points) _____

Description of a character _____/20

Does the story use vivid words to describe the person's physical appearance and his actions? (10 points) _____

Does the story describe and hint at the person's personality quirks and inner qualities? (10 points) _____

Description of nature and mood _____/30

Does the story name a specific kind of natural setting (desert, bog, etc.)? (5 points) _____

Does the story hint at or tell the time of year and/or time of day? (5 points) _____

Does the story include sentences that build a mood? (5 points) _____

Does the story use vivid words and sensory details to describe the setting? (15 points) _____

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Rubric for Describing a Process

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Content _____/84

Does the author use specific language that helps to clarify ideas throughout the essay?

(10 points)

Introduction _____/10

Does the author start with some interesting facts or history about tornadoes? (5 points)

Does the author clearly state the purpose of the essay using a topic sentence? (5 points)

Body Paragraphs _____/54

First Body Paragraph: Does the author describe how a tornado is formed? (18 points)

Second Body Paragraph: Does the author describe a tornado in its mature stage? Does the author include a quotation from the description of the 1913 Easter Sunday Tornado? (18 points)

Third Body Paragraph: Does the author describe how a tornado dissipates and disappears? (18 points)

Conclusion _____/10

Does the author rephrase the topic sentence of the essay? (5 points)

Does the author encourage readers to take some action in response to the essay? (5 points)

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Impersonation Essay Rubric

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Content _____/84

Does the author use specific language that helps to clarify ideas throughout the essay?
(10 points) _____

Paragraph 1: Introduction _____/15

Does the author straightforwardly answer the speculative question? (5 points) _____

Does the author follow his answer with a summary explanation? (5 points) _____

Is there a transition between the introduction and paragraph 2? (5 points) _____

Paragraph 2: Ethos _____/24

Does the author introduce himself as the person being imitated? (5 points) _____

Does the author use details and facts found in the lesson readings, in his own words, to describe the person's life and to gain credibility? (14 points) _____

Does the author include a transition sentence between paragraph 2 and paragraph 3?
(5 points) _____

Paragraph 3: Pathos _____/20

Does the author use the selected writing by the person as a model to thoroughly answer the speculative question? (10 points) _____

Does the author supply descriptive details and include details that appeal to an emotion?
(10 points) _____

Paragraph 4: Logos _____/15

Does the author conclude the essay by properly using the figure of reasoning? (10 points) _____

Does the author wrap up the essay with a last statement that echoes the answer to the speculative question found in paragraph 1? (5 points) _____

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