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Descriptive Essay Revision Checklist

Read your draft. Use the following checklist to improve your writing.
Put a check in the box when you have done the revision to the essay.

YES NO

Ideas:

Have you included enough sensory details so your readers can visualize what you are describing?

Organization:

- Do you have a thesis statement in your introduction?
- Do your topic sentences help your readers understand your description better?
- Does your thesis statement match the ideas in your paragraphs?
- Have you followed a logical order in your description?
- Does your closing reflect the ideas in your thesis statement?

Voice:

- Is your descriptive essay expressive?
- Did you look for a place in the essay to show voice through punctuation marks?

Word Choice:

- Have you included words that involve most of the five senses?
- Did you use figurative language such as metaphors and similes?
- Did you use exact nouns and exact verbs?

Sentence Fluency:

- Have you used transitional words where necessary?
- Have you used a variety of sentences such as compound and complex?
- Do your sentences have a variety of beginnings?

Author _____

Date _____

Writing Traits	What I like...	Something to think about...
Ideas and Content <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Narrowed focus• Details• Writes from experience• Is an expert on topic		
Organization <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strong lead• Strong ending• Order/sequencing• Transitions• Plot flows from conflict to resolution• Complete Exposition		
Voice <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Feelings, emotions• Sounds like the author• Tone matches purpose• Dialogue voice seems realistic		
Word Choice <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Showing not telling• Using Wonderful words• Exact verbs• Exploded moments		
Sentence Fluency <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Smooth, flowing• Variety of sentences• Variety of sentence beginnings		

Reviewed by _____