

Student Name: _____

Class: _____

Due Date: _____

Introduction to Travel Writing

Welcome to this homework assignment on travel writing basics. In this activity, you will learn about the fundamental elements of travel writing, focusing on the use of descriptive language and cultural sensitivity. By the end of this assignment, you will be able to understand and apply the key principles of travel writing, enhancing your language arts skills.

Activity 1: Analyzing Travel Writing Excerpts

Read the following travel writing excerpts and highlight or underline examples of descriptive language and culturally sensitive expressions.

Excerpt 1:

"The sun was setting over the bustling streets of Tokyo, casting a warm orange glow over the towering skyscrapers. The smell of freshly cooked ramen wafted through the air, enticing passersby to stop and sample the local cuisine."

Excerpt 2:

"The ancient city of Marrakech was a feast for the senses. The vibrant colors of the market stalls, the sound of merchants calling out their daily specials, and the smell of exotic spices all combined to create an unforgettable experience."

Questions to Consider:

1. How does the author use sensory details to describe the setting?

2. What cultural references are made, and how are they presented?

3. How does the author's tone contribute to the overall effect of the piece?

Activity 2: Writing Your Travel Piece

Write a short travel writing piece (approx. 250-300 words) about a place you have visited or would like to visit. Ensure your writing includes vivid descriptions and shows respect for the culture of the place you are writing about.

Guidelines:

1. Use vivid and engaging language to describe the place.
2. Include sensory details to bring the reader into the scene.
3. Show respect and understanding of the local culture.

Activity 3: Peer Review and Feedback

Exchange your travel writing piece with a classmate and provide feedback based on the following criteria:

1. Does the piece effectively use descriptive language?
2. Is the cultural context presented with sensitivity and respect?
3. What suggestions do you have for improvement?

Activity 4: Creating a Travel Brochure

Design a travel brochure for the destination you wrote about, including images, maps, and short descriptive paragraphs.

Considerations:

1. How can you visually represent the place to attract visitors?
2. What information is essential for travelers to know?

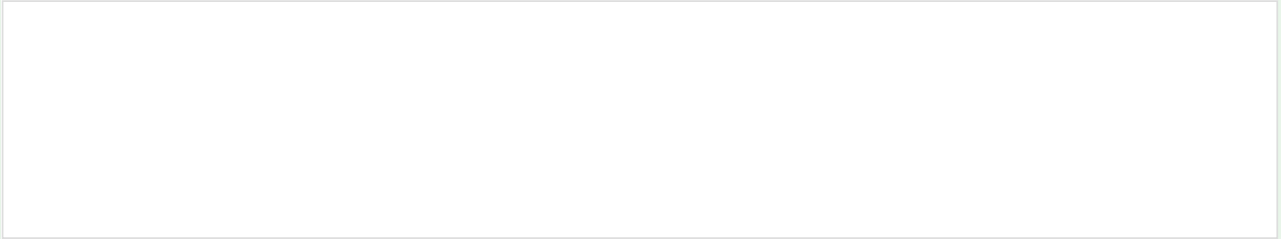
A large, empty rectangular box with a light gray border, intended for students to design their travel brochure. It occupies the lower half of the activity area.

Activity 5: Reflective Journaling

Write a reflective journal entry about what you learned from this assignment, challenges you faced, and how you overcame them.

Prompts:

1. What did you learn about travel writing and its key elements?
2. How did peer feedback impact your work?
3. What would you do differently in a future assignment?



Success Criteria and Conclusion

To successfully complete this assignment, ensure your travel writing piece:

1. Effectively uses descriptive language to engage the reader.
2. Demonstrates cultural sensitivity and respect for the destination's culture.
3. Is well-organized and easy to follow.
4. Includes sensory details to enhance the reader's experience.
5. Shows evidence of revision based on peer feedback.

Congratulations on completing this homework assignment on travel writing basics! Remember to always use descriptive language and cultural sensitivity when writing about different places and cultures.

Parent/Guardian Notes:

1. Encourage your child to choose a destination they are genuinely interested in, which will make the writing process more enjoyable and engaging.
2. Help your child manage their time effectively to complete the assignment within the given timeframe.
3. Provide access to books, articles, or online resources about travel writing and different cultures to aid in their research.
4. Encourage your child to share their work with you and provide constructive feedback that is positive and supportive.

Assessment Rubric:

Content (40 points):

1. Use of descriptive language (10 points)
2. Cultural sensitivity and respect (10 points)
3. Organization and coherence (10 points)
4. Sensory details (10 points)

Peer Review and Feedback (20 points):

1. Quality of feedback (10 points)
2. Evidence of revision (10 points)

Travel Brochure (20 points):

1. Visual representation (10 points)
2. Essential information (10 points)

Reflective Journaling (20 points):

1. Depth of reflection (10 points)
2. Evidence of learning (10 points)