

Please consider the following features of **Descriptive Essays**:

- no set length (aim for 4-5 paragraphs)
 - first person (I, we, us, me, myself)
 - **specific** details = describe **actual scenes** from your life
 - development of your **emotions, thoughts**, and **voice (personality)** throughout
 - start by describing the first thing you see/sense in the scene you have selected
 - “spicy” words
 - imagery; vivid description
 - figurative language (similes, metaphors, personification, hyperbole)
 - emphatic devices
 - clearly developed tone
 - appeal to 2-3 senses (specific words – effective diction)
 - use transitions (temporal= time, spatial=space)
- *pick a brief 15-60 minute event and be MEGA detailed**