

Rewriting a Descriptive Paper

Most of writing is rewriting. When rewriting a descriptive paper, here is a checklist of what to review to improve your rough draft. I have separated these into groups. Focus on the first group on your first rewrite of the essay, the second group on the second rewrite, the third group on your third rewriting, and the last group when writing your final draft.



Review 1

- _____ There is detail that addresses sight.
- _____ There is detail that addresses sound.
- _____ There is detail that addresses touch.
- _____ There is detail that addresses smell.
- _____ If possible, there is detail that addresses taste.
- _____ The reader can tell how you feel about this place (the mood is clear).

Review 2

- _____ There is at least one (preferably a few) example of figurative language (simile, metaphor, etc.).
- _____ There is at least one example of onomatopoeia.

Review 3

- _____ There are no run-on sentences.
- _____ There are no sentence fragments.
- _____ There are a few compound and/or complex sentences, as well as simple sentences.

Review 4

- _____ All capitalization is correct.
- _____ All punctuation is correct.
- _____ Any other grammar rules you know are followed correctly.