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The primary purpose of **descriptive writing** is to describe a person, place or thing in such a way that a picture is formed in the reader's mind. Capturing an event through **descriptive writing** involves paying close attention to the details by using all of your five senses.

Here are some hints for creative descriptive essays:

- **Look for examples for descriptive writing—literature is full of them.**
- **Use interesting, descriptive word choices.**
- **Good descriptive writing includes many vivid sensory details that paint a picture and appeals to all of the reader's senses of sight, hearing, touch, smell and taste when appropriate. Descriptive writing may also paint pictures of the feelings the person, place or thing invokes in the writer.**
- **Good descriptive writing often makes use analogies, similes and metaphors to help paint the picture in the reader's mind.**
- **Good descriptive writing uses precise language. General adjectives, nouns, and passive verbs do not have a place in good descriptive writing. Use specific adjectives and nouns and strong action verbs to give life to the picture you are painting in the reader's mind.**
- **Good descriptive writing is organized. Some ways to organize descriptive writing include: chronological (time), spatial (location), and order of importance. When describing a person, you might begin with a physical description, followed by how that person thinks, feels and acts.**

Remember, the more descriptive words you use, the clearer you will create a picture in the reader's mind.

Footnotes:

1) Reading Rockets, Descriptive Writing, Reading Rockets, Mar/24/2016, Mar/24/2016,

http://www.readingrockets.org/strategies/descriptive_writing

See Alignments to State and Common Core standards for this story online at:

<http://www.awesomestories.com/asset/AcademicAlignment/Descriptive-Writing-The-Story-of-Writing>

See Learning Tasks for this story online at:

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