

Writing Assessment and Evaluation Rubrics

Name Class Date

Above-average Writing Model

Writing Process in Action: Expository Writing (Unit 5, pages 244–247)

Assignment: Write a one- to two-page brochure that tells visitors to a community about the people who live there.

Welcome to Nashville, Tennessee

Welcome to Nashville, Tennessee, the city that has been voted friendliest in the United States. When people think of Nashville, they usually think of country music. However, Nashville is not only about country music. You might meet country stars in the supermarket, but you'll also meet people who are into rock, rap, and any other kind of music. The people in Nashville are diverse in many other ways, too. Along with its friendliness, diversity is one of the other things that makes Nashville great.

Nashville's largest ethnic populations are African-American and white. Many Asian-American and Latin-American families also live here. A good way to see how many ethnicities can be found in Nashville is to visit its restaurants. You can eat breakfast in a Mexican restaurant, lunch in an Indian restaurant, and dinner in a Cajun/Creole restaurant, and still have different kinds of restaurants to eat in the next day and the next.

What you might not find in Nashville are a lot of people that were born and raised here. The city draws many transplants, or people who moved here from other places. During the 1960s, the population rose 24.2%. In the 1990s the population increased 6.9%. Currently, the population is estimated at over 538,000.

Because so many types of people live in Nashville, the city developed lots of different types of neighborhoods. Some people still live in big mansions from Civil-War times. However, many people live in modern condos, apartments, and houses. Some neighborhoods, such as Belle Meade, are very wealthy, while others are not.

Despite all the differences in Nashville, there are many things that residents like to do together for fun. People here like to hang out or play sports in the many public parks. Nashville has more parks per person than any other U. S. city. Theaters, professional sports teams, and (of course) concerts also bring people together. Plus, there's always a simple, friendly smile to make even the strangers in Nashville feel like they know each other.

Summary: *This piece vividly describes the variety of people who live in the writer's town, using facts and specific details to do so. The introduction includes a clear thesis statement, and the thesis is developed throughout the piece. The writing is informative, well organized, and engaging.*

This piece would probably receive a 4 if evaluated by the holistic scoring method. It might receive a 96 if evaluated by the analytic scoring method—35 points for Focus/Organization, 32 points for Evaluation/Support/Style, and 29 points for Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics.

Opening captures readers' attention by using the second person and including interesting facts.

Specific details support thesis statement and paragraph's main idea.

Explains unfamiliar terms and provides accurate facts and statistics

Good use of transitions throughout

Closing refers back to the introduction.