

Writing Assessment and Evaluation Rubrics

Name Class Date

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.

Nashville

I love my hometown, Nashville, Tennessee. It is one of the friendliest cities in the U.S. Anyone who comes to Nashville will see why this is true, and why Nashville is a great place to be. The waitresses call you “honey.” People smile at you when they walk on the street. Nashville has all kinds of different people, and almost all of them make you feel at home here.

Many people here are either African-American or white. However, some of the other ethnic backgrounds people have are Asian and Latin American. For instance, my family is Asian-American. Because of this, Nashville has all kinds of restaurants and all kinds of food. Also, our city has many kinds of music. However, country music is the most wellknown. Famous musicians live here. Also some people who say their musicians but who deliver pizzas and stuff for jobs. Our next-door neighbor is one of those guys. He’s very funny and teaches me card tricks and gives me guitar lessons.

The other kinds of jobs people have are teaching, running hotels, being ministers, and recording music or being music executives. Some of those people make a lot of money. They might be the ones who have horse farms in the country or who live in those big, old mansions that look like they’re from the movies. Most of us live in normal houses or apartments like people do everywhere else. We have some famous houses here. Like Minnie Pearl’s house and President Andrew Jackson’s. Also there are a lot of parks.

Right now, about 538,000 people live in Nashville. That’s not as many as New York or Chicago, but Nashville is still kind of a big city. But people don’t really act like it because they’re very friendly here. Plus the weather here is a lot warmer most of the time than in New York and Chicago. Those are some of the reasons Nashville is a great city.

Summary: *The piece includes facts and details about the writer’s community and the people who live there, but irrelevant information and grammatical mistakes distract from the focus. The piece could be improved by including more information about the variety of people in the larger community and less information about the writer’s neighbor. The writing could also be strengthened by making sure each paragraph has a strong topic sentence and relates to one main idea.*

This piece might receive a 3 if evaluated by the holistic scoring method. It might receive an 81 if evaluated by the analytic scoring method—29 points for Focus/Organization, 27 points for Elaboration/Support/Style, and 25 points for Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics.

Introduction includes some vivid details and an appropriate thesis statement.

Paragraph relates to thesis, but some irrelevant details and vague language weaken the focus.

Information is not related to thesis.

Ending includes a useful statistic but introduces some unnecessary information.