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## Below-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.

#### My Hometown

My hometown is Nashville Tennessee so if you come to my hometown that's where you'll be. It is a very friendly place. Everyone says. I heard some-one say that on T.V. once. You should definitely visit here.

Here are some of the things Nashville has: a lot of music and concerts all the time, skyscrapers, parks, the Tennessee Oilers who use to be from Houston, Andrew Jackson's house, and a huge old monument downtown. We also have all kinds of restarants. Nashville is a big city. It also has country. Its not as big as New York or Chicago. It has alot of parks. I like it here a lot.

People will say hello to you. When I moved to my new house people came next door with some cupcakes and stuff. There is a boy named Tom Wong in that house. He is my age and we are friends. A girl in high school and her little sister lives across the street. I like them both too. Our street has all different people. I hang out with the kids near my age and there are a lot of them. I know who everyone is, even the older people. We have parties together and stuff. Mostly our parents play country music then because that is popular but my friends like all kinds of music. I saw Clint Black once in the store but I like rap.

*Opening introduces topic but addresses readers who are outside of the town, not those who are already visiting.*

*Statements are not elaborated upon.*

*Lacks transitions to show the relationships between ideas*

*Lacks a conclusion or closing statement*

**Summary:** *The piece describes the author's town, but most of the information provided is either too vague or too personal for a visitor's brochure. The piece could be improved by revising it to focus on the variety of people in the writer's hometown—not just in the writer's neighborhood—and by including facts and specific details about those people in a clear, logical order.*

*This piece might receive a 1 if evaluated by the holistic scoring method. It might receive a 66 if evaluated by the analytic scoring method—21 points for Focus/Organization, 25 points for Elaboration/Support/Style, and 20 points for Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics.*