**Objective:** to write a 150-300 word *descriptive* paragraph.

Steps to write a descriptive paragraph

1. Copy this table onto a document. Have about 5 line spaces per row.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| See |  |
| Hear |  |
| Taste |  |
| Touch |  |
| Smell |  |

Look at the image below. Fill in your table with descriptive words- be sure they are specific and strong.



1. What is the purpose of your paragraph? Is this a description of a person? A place? An experience? An event? **(some examples- “ A broken region”, “hope”, “anger”, “organized destruction”, “mourning”. )**

My Purpose: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Now write a first draft of your paragraph keeping your purpose in mind. Don’t worry about spelling, grammar, etc. Just write! (**Assignment is 150-300 words.)**
2. **Revise, revise, revise. Do you have:**
   1. A topic sentence?
   2. Is your purpose obvious?
   3. Do you have a strong conclusion?
   4. Do you use strong, specific words instead of vague words?

**Can you:**

1. Play with your sentences? (change it up! Eg. *The cat loves to sit in the sun and purr*. OR *Sitting in the sun, the cat stretched, then purred contently*.
2. Improve your vocabulary with stronger words?
3. Insert some humour? A poetic device like a simile or metaphor? An attitude?
4. Formatting- name, title and date on the top of the document. Underline the title.

**Due Thursday, September 2nd. Please put in the hand-in box on my Sharepoint site OR print out your paragraph and give to me personally.**