

Descriptive Writing Outline

Step 1: Pick three sensory details you would like to focus on in your descriptive essay.

Sight Touch Taste Smell Sound

- I. **Paragraph 1:** In your first paragraph, please find a way to have yourself or your character to get into the haunted house. Describe the scenario as to how this person came upon this sight. The last sentence of your paragraph must be your thesis statement. Your thesis statement should state why your house is haunted using three sensory details. Reflect on the three sensory details you selected above and use them to compose a thesis.
 - a. **Thesis Statement:** My house is haunted because

and _____.
 - i. **My example:** My house is haunted because it looks decrepit as if it has been abandoned for years, wreaks of mold and decay, and cries of shrill shrieks are heard at all hour of the night.
- II. **Paragraph 2:** In this paragraph you are going to expand upon the first part of your thesis statement. If you stated that the house looks decrepit- you need to describe how it looks and supports this part of your thesis.
- III. **Paragraph 3:** In this paragraph you are going to expand upon the second part of your thesis statement. If you stated that the house smells of mold- you need to describe how the house smells in its entirety. s part of your thesis.
- IV. **Paragraph 4:** In this paragraph you are going to expand upon the last part of your thesis statement. If you stated that you can hear cries through the night- you need to describe how the house sounds in its entirety.
- V. **Paragraph 5:** Conclusion. During this part of the essay you are going to come to a resolution of how you were able to get out of the house- still using descriptive language. There should be a sense of finality at the end.