

## GRADING RUBRIC FOR TRAVEL PIECE

Below are the elements of writing, taken from the Essay Checklist, I use to determine your grade.

### ESSAY GRADING RUBRIC

Creative title on the essay	5 pts	
First sentence interesting, surprising, or captivating enough to pull the reader into the narrative	10 pts	
Sentences written in active voice	10 pts	
Unnecessary helping verbs (is, are, was, were, etc.) cut.	5 pts	
Clichés cut, good use of creative similes and metaphors	5 pts	
Proper grammar/punctuation/spelling	10 pts	
Indefinite pronouns (it, they, them, etc.) <i>used as the subject</i> of the sentence are cut.	5 pts	
Essay includes all necessary costs involved (travel expenses, hotels, dining, entertainment, etc.).	10 pts	
Scenes/location described using concrete nouns and verbs, and all five senses. Adjectives and adverbs and replaced with concrete descriptions.	10 pts	
Essay includes physical/geographic features (climate, main economic driving forces, population, etc.)	10 pts	
Essay formatted MLA style - 5-6 Page minimum	10 pts	
Major revisions between drafts	10 pts	

TOTAL: 100 POINTS