

Writing the Nature Essay

This type of essay usually comes as a narrative or descriptive piece based on your personal experience. But, a nature essay isn't just a description of Niagara Falls, for example. It's both a **description** and **reflection** of what imprint Niagara Falls left on your life.

First, start your essay with depicting an image of a certain place so tempting and colorful, and engaging that the reader gets charmed by every sentence of it. Your introduction must be so moving your teacher forgets about everything she planned to do that day.

Then, devote a few paragraphs in your work to a personal story, preferably from your life experience, *that is somehow related to the place you've just outlined* in the opening paragraph. It can be romantic, like your first kiss under that very same old oak in the middle of a green sea of grass, or it can be dramatic, like an elk popping out from a dark forest right in front of your dad's car. There's definitely has to be an unexpected twist in that story, a hook that wows the reader.

In the meantime, the story doesn't end here. It goes on into a couple of odd passages where your story shines with new palettes, like how you met the girl you first kissed after ten years of not hearing about each other, or like the whole bander of little elks appearing on the road right behind their mother.

Notice how the metaphor of the natural landscape you depicted at the opening of the essay keeps returning was you related your personal recollections and discoveries. Keep returning back to nature for the answers.

How did you feel at that moment? What happened next? How your life changed? Or, maybe, some questions should be left unanswered? Conclude the essay by either lifting the veil and dropping all cards on the table, or by keeping the curtain down, leaving your reader a good aftertaste by giving them a sense of the whole day/place.