

Descriptive Essay Thesis Statement:

When visitors first step into Yosemite National Park, they experience a sense of wonder at the park’s majestic peaks, towering waterfalls, and diverse wildlife.

Body Paragraph:

In addition to enjoying the amazing waterfalls, visitors also mingle with the wildlife at Yosemite National Park. The park provides shelter for many different kinds of land animals. For example, black bears, fierce coyotes, innocent mule deer, and elusive bighorn sheep roam the landscape. Furthermore, hundreds of bird species of every size and color stop at Yosemite during their annual migrations like travelers in an airport terminal waiting for a connection. Birdwatchers from all over the country and the world travel to Yosemite to spot these soaring flyers. Whether Yosemite’s animals have sharp talons, tough hooves, or furry paws, park guests gaze upon the abundant wildlife God created in awe.

Color 1: Highlight the Topic Sentence.

Circle the words in the topic sentence that connect to the thesis statement.

Is this the 1st, 2nd, or 3rd body paragraph of the essay? _____

Color 2: Highlight the First Supporting Details

Underline the word(s) that relate to the paragraph’s topic.

What type of evidence is used in the first half of the paragraph? _____

Draw a box around the word that transitions or shows the change from the first supporting detail to the second supporting detail.

Color 3: Highlight the Second Supporting Details

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What type of evidence is used in the second half of the paragraph? _____

Color 1: Highlight the Concluding Sentence.

Circle the words that summarize the paragraph’s topic.

List the 5 strongest examples of descriptive language (strong verbs, adj, adv, sensory, figurative)
