



Writing Assignment - A Holiday Memory

Think about a recent holiday - Thanksgiving, Hanukah, Birthday, Christmas, New Year, wedding or annual party you attended. (1) Close your eyes a moment and consider the sensory images of that holiday event. (2) Now, list as many different of these images you can that will help you recreate the whole experience by appealing to the readers' sense of touch, smell, taste, hearing and sight.

TOUCH

SMELL

TASTE

HEARING

SIGHT

Recall our work with poetry. What kind of concrete nouns and vivid verbs can you think of to help clarify and specify those images? You may have to use some similes and metaphors.

Who do you see as you recall that holiday experience?

What are the people doing? wearing? saying?

When does this event occur?

Where does this event take place? Inside? a house, church, temple, restaurant? Outside - a back yard, a park, the beach?

Why are the people gathered? Dinner, service, cooking, playing?

How does this memory make you feel?

What is the best way to recreate this event for the reader? A descriptive essay, a short narrative, a dialogue, a combination?