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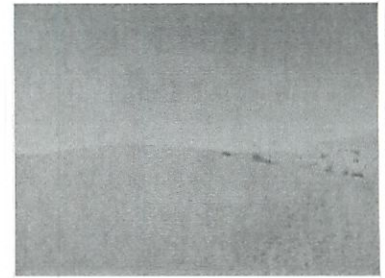
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*with a narrator other than my self*

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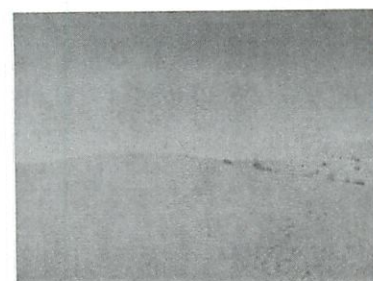
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highway in Dubai

of Dubai, Saudi Arabia, + the occupying territories

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dubai - bussling + western

saudi arabia - no alcohol- strict

palestinian - derilcet (move lunch here)

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The Middle East continues to provide an outside observer with a litany of topics that cry for further examination. We have discussed the foundations of religion, the effects of geography, the behaviors of Arabs, the conflicts relating to the control of Palestine and the current political rivalries in Iraq and Afghanistan. The following assignment asks you to use your writing skills and imagination to compose an interesting and informative essay for your travel portfolio.

The following guidelines should provide you with tools needed to complete the assignment.

- The length should be 2-3 pages double spaced following MLA format.
- You should keep the "to be" verbs to a minimum.
- You need to provide concrete examples that demonstrate your learning.
- Provide a meaningful title for your writing.

The following prompts should provide you with ideas needed to complete the assignment.

- Write a newspaper article about an issue we studied in the Middle East.
- Write an editorial from the perspective of a Middle Eastern interest group.
- Write a point-counter point piece that compares two sides of a Middle Eastern issue.
- Write an essay from the perspective of an American traveler in the Middle East.
- Write an essay on a topic that we both agree upon.

Please make sure that you approach the topic in a factual and logical fashion and good grades will "be" yours to keep.

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## Academic Writing Rubric

| Domains   | Below Basic  | Basic   | Proficient  | Distinguished  |
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| <b>Focus:</b> <i>task assigned addressed through thesis</i>                         | Limited awareness of purpose. No obvious thesis present  | An attempt to establish and maintain purpose through use of a stated thesis   | Focused on a purpose, through use of a clearly stated thesis  | Establishes and maintains clear purpose through use of a sophisticated thesis  |
| <b>Content:</b> <i>analysis of ideas and evidence used to support thesis</i>        | Minimal idea development. None, limited and/or unrelated evidence                              | Surface level idea development; paper tends to repeat itself. Limited or unrelated evidence present   | Depth of idea development supported by evidence, but evidence is taken at face value-not truly analyzed | Personal reflection and insight into evidence. Depth and complexity of ideas supported by rich, engaging, and pertinent analysis |
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