

SAMPLE PROMPTS for Writing Placement at WSU:

1. In our lives, whether we stay in one area or relocate many times, we all have been in places that remain special to us in some way. These places may be rooms, buildings, cities, or even locations in nature.

Write a well-developed essay that describes one such place that is special to you and clearly conveys its importance in your life.

2. Sometimes we feel as if we would like to go back to an easier or happier time.

Write a well-developed essay, which recalls a specific time in your life that you would like to return to if given the chance. Explain what made that time easier or happier.

3. In meeting a variety of different people, we are enriched and discover more about ourselves and others.

In a well-organized essay, describe an experience that you had with someone who differs from you – in economic status, race, culture, physical ability, religion, or age. What did you discover from the experience?