

EXERCISE

READ THE PASSAGE BELOW. THEN, MAKE NOTES OF WHAT SUGGESTIONS/CHANGES MIGHT YOU SUGGEST TO THE AUTHOR OF THIS PAPER?

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Descriptive Paper: The Entertainment Capital of the World

Las Vegas, Nevada is an interesting place. I have been to the city many times. Oftentimes, I go to enjoy a couple nights of playing games in casinos, seeing musicals or shows, and enjoying the plethora of food offered by the many restaurants and buffets there. I find being there is somewhat relaxing yet exciting, somewhat stylish and yet dangerous. Yet, regardless, I often find myself there a lot.

According to a few recent surveys, the city is noted as the largest city in Nevada, although the 27th largest city in the United States (“Sub County”; “Clark County”). But, I never quite trusted the census, since the actual population of the city seems to swell and deflate with the tourism there. For the most part, Vegas seems to be one of the largest cities in the United States on any given day. Therefore, people come from all over to indulge in the sunshine, the warm weather, and all of the amenities of the city.

The people is interesting. The city is compose of many different kinds of people (e.g., Whites, Asians, Hispanics, Native Americans, Blacks, etc.). Yet, as I have noticed, many of these people is transplants or immigrants from others areas. Many Europeans and many South Americans living amongst the natives working towards the American dream.

Like I mentioned, one of the most significant things about Las Vegas is the weather. The weather is nice most of the year, aside form some cold days in the winter. But, seriously, would you call fifty-seven degrees Fahrenheit (or fourteen degrees celcius) cold weather? I think not. In fact, most people in the middle of the southwest call that “Sweater weather,” meaning that you never really need a jack, since you could weather a sweather for several months. In fact, I have some friends who live in Vegas, and they admitted to me that they do not even own the

kinds of heavy jacks one might expect to find in some of the northern states of the United States. The air is dry, quite dry, not wet or moist or humid, but dry.

Then, there is the culture. The nightlife is brilliant. The city never sleeps, not for an instant. Shops, bars, restaurants, casinos, hotels and other attractions are open around the clock to provide every comfort that you could imagine 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. And, seriously, once I went to a five star restaurant at 3:00AM in the morning. How about that for service? And, how many restaurants in the world are open that late, even five star restaurants.

The casinos are the real draw to Las Vegas. Casinos attract millions of visitors a year from all over the world. And, they cater to those visitors by offering goods, services, and comforts for people of all cultures. It is not uncommon to see an all-you-can-eat buffet serve oriental-style dumplings for breakfast. But, many of them do, since they are trying to get as many people from all over the world to come play and spend their money there. People from all over the world are taking their money to the tables placing bets on the tables using their wits to gamble everything in full knowledge that they might lose a fortune. But, they do it anyway. Seriously, I was sitting at a table, when this guy wants "in" and drops a few thousand dollars on the table. The dealer, who is the guy in charge of the game, tells this guy that he has to move to the "high roller" tables. But, the guy with the big bills disagrees, and instead asks for change and starts to play a regular game. He looked like he was from Saudi Arabia or something, because he did not see the sign which said "\$1000.00 dollar maximum, 10 dollar minimum."

Anyway, Las Vegas can be exciting at night. People driving expensive cars, wearing expensive clothes all over the place. And, people drinking plenty of alcohol and acting tipsy, walking into lightpoles and falling in and out of cabs. The place is really wild. People just do whatever they want. Which leads me to the other interesting facets of the city, the nude clubs and strip-clubs. There are literally dozens and dozens of strip clubs all along Las Vegas Boulevard which is the street running in front of most of the large casinos. In these clubs, men and women spend hundreds of dollars to make their fantasies about whatever come true. It is a unique environment and is not for small children or those wanting a family vacation.

For those wanting something more family-friendly, there are numerous attractions which do not contain such elements, such as carnival style rides, and themed attractions. In fact, many casinos promote family friendly atmospheres, such as Circus Circus, which contains a real-live circus with circus performers all day and all night long. Then, there is the Excalibur, a large castle-lookin casino, which has live Jousting matches all day long, as well as other events for those wanting to relive the past. And, for those with much simpler tastes, you can stay or visit a

place like the Mandalay bay casino and hotel, which has a real beach inside of its walls with real waves and everything. Its amazing to see, and it smells very pleasant in that casino.

Finally, there are expensive resort-style hotel/casinos which have everything you could ever want. In fact, their purpose is not to ever want you to leave. You can eat, play, see, and sleep without ever leaving the grounds of the hotel. It is amazing.

But, Las Vegas isn't just about gaming and hotels. Las Vegas is actually a very nice place to work and to live. Surprisingly, the crime is fairly low, when compared to other cities of the same size. What's more? The economy always seems to be thriving in Las Vegas. In addition, so is education. In fact, a good portion of the money taxed on gaming and other luxuries ends up in the hands of the local residents, which is used for services such as hospitals and schools. Nevada actually has some of the best schools in the nation. And, what about the surrounding area. Well, Nevada is just a beautiful state, which borders other beautiful states such as Utah, Arizona, and California. Nevada is a place of beautiful mountains, valleys, deserts, forests, and hills. Las Vegas just wouldn't be the same if it weren't in Nevada.

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