

## Sample Description Paragraph

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Topic

Dominant Impression

A winter storm can be very disturbing, but also invigorating. Sitting close to the window watching all the commotion liven up the placid sky at dusk, I listen to the wind begin to softly howl and blow through the trees as it threatens to break their limbs off. An eerie calm settles over our front yard as the sky darkens, and I am tense as we peer out into our front yard watching the storm close in, whistling through the swing set, tossing my sister's doll across the lawn and into the cluttered street like a rag. The streets are deserted, and the smell of the impending cataclysm is almost sweet, the wind carrying the fragrant aroma of autumn leaves and fresh cut grass across the fields adjacent to our house. The smaller trees that line the sidewalk begin to collapse one over another, making loud cracking noises as if they were screaming to save their lives. It is Armageddon out there. The clouds are dark and drab and gloomy, and thunder roars through the thick, dark clouds, battling against the lightning. The lightning glistens in the black sky and strikes power lines, leaving homes below in pitch black darkness. The streets look sullen and angry, dead even. Cold rain pours down, flooding and destroying everything in its path, leaving glistening pools and miniature streaming torrents of muddy rain wash in its wake. My sister's doll is nowhere to be seen. The wind is freezing, transforming the rain turn into large balls of rock hard hail. Everything is soaking wet; nothing is left untouched. Branches and leaves, hail, shingles from the house across the street slam into the window, sending chills down the spine. Thunder strikes and lightning sends relief from the darkness, but only for brief flashes of time. The rain never stops falling. Even the houses seem to brace themselves. Night seems endless in the stormy weather. Watching the destruction, I view the storm swept street as a tense battlefield, nature taking its course in the most dramatic but also efficient way it knows how. There is safety in here though, looking out.

① Smell

② Sound

③ Feel / Touch

④ Sight