

## Reading and Analyzing Sample Introductory Blog Posts

### Directions:

1. Review the “Cures for the Judgment Reflex” on page 11 of *Writing Analytically*, and read the sample student blog posts below.
2. As you read and later as you discuss the posts, follow the recommendations of the cures.
3. Without stating what you like or dislike, what is good or bad in the writing, or what grade the post *should* earn, describe what you see in the writing and determine whether the post meets the criteria for a grade of A, B, C, D, or F. (See the back of this sheet for the grading rubric.)
4. As the second cure advises, “neither agree nor disagree with another person’s position until you can repeat that position in a way the other person would accept as fair and accurate” (Rosenwasser and Stephen 11).

### Introductory Blog Post

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ I was born in Salisbury, North Carolina home of Cheerwine and Pepsi! I am a cheerleader and I also run track in my spare time. I have a strong case of wanderlust. Over the past several years I have been out of the country 7 times. The places that I have traveled to Belize, Mexico, Cancun, Mexico, St. Thomas, U.S Virgin Island, Roatan, Grand Turks, Turks and Caicos Islands, Mexico, Nassau, Bahamas, Jamaica, San Juan, Puerto Rico, and Half Moon Cay, Bahamas. Each place has taught me so many things from language, culture, and the natives. Seeing outside of each place has taught me how to appreciate the things that I have.

Note: The blog post includes three photographs, presumably from the writer’s travels.

Grade \_\_\_\_

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### Attentiveness to Architecture

My name’s \_\_\_\_\_ and this is my blog. I’ve always liked to build things – preferably as tall as possible. As I became older that past-time withheld, but also expanded into liking things other people have built. The skyline piercing first place winner of my favorite large scale residence is 432 Park Avenue, in midtown Manhattan. It combines

basic architecture with incredible engineering to house a height to base ratio of 1:15, allowing it to currently be the tallest residential complex in the world, soon to be overtaken by 111th West 57th St, which is just down the road. I appreciate projects that aren't tall as well. For instance, one of my other favorite large scale residences is Chateau de Versailles. The detail, opulence, and history contained in the palace makes it an overwhelming site to see. Knowing a little about my favorite works and why, I hope you enjoy my blog.

Note: The blog post includes two photographs with captions identifying the buildings.

Grade \_\_\_\_

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### Grade Criteria

An **A** blog post includes:

- a title that indicates the focus of your introduction
- an introduction to yourself of at least 100 words that focuses on one aspect of your life or one interest of yours, and
- a minimum of one relevant photograph

An **A** blog post not only meets the requirements above but is also well organized and relatively free of surface errors.

A **B** blog post effectively meets all the requirements above but may be flawed by minor issues of organization and/or surface errors.

A **C** blog post meets some but not all the requirements above and may also be flawed by issues of organization and/or surface errors.

A **D** blog post meets only one of the requirements above and may also be flawed by issues of organization and/or surface errors.

An **F** blog post fails to meet the requirements above and may also be flawed by substantial issues of organization and/or surface errors.

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### Work Cited

Rosenwasser, David and Jill Stephen. *Writing Analytically*, 8th edition.  
Wadsworth/Cengage, 2019.