

Elements of Good Travel Writing

Travel writing

- centers on a key event.
- uses background information that builds up to this event.
- may incorporate research to enhance the background information—even if the writer didn't know the information things at the time of the trip.
- clearly describes the location and focuses on elements that are key to the story or experience.
- clearly describes any important people so that readers feel as if they know them a little.
- uses dialogue where possible to help the story “happen” for the reader.
- mixes reflections on the experience with the retelling to help the reader see the importance of the experience.