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.