

Description Essay Pattern

N. Scott Momaday “The Way to Rainy Mountain”

1. Which is the stronger element utilized in this essay:
Description Pattern or Narration Pattern?
2. What level of formality is this essay?
3. What is the main conflict in the full essay?
4. What is his main topic?
5. What is the relevance of the historical/geographical format in the opening paragraph if his intentions are to write details about his grandmother?
6. Why does he offer the reader her name?
7. Why does Momaday recount the folk tale of the eight children?
8. Look at ¶ 9. Momaday mentions his grandmother “never forgot her birthright” — do you feel he has the same feelings, or does he feel a disconnect?
9. In what ways is this essay similar to E. B. White’s essay “Once More to the Lake”?

discussion