

The Mall of America Minneapolis, Minnesota

Scenario: You are given the following prompt:

*Tell about a time that you
had fun with a friend or a relative. Write a
story about a fun time with
a friend or a relative.*

**Remember.....
You Can't Tell it All !!**

**Mall of America - SO MUCH to do and tell about....
SO little time.**

There are lots of stores to shop in and so much to see. So many exciting things to do at Camp Snoopy and there is even a Log Chute Ride and a roller coaster. Can I tell about it all? Not in one single

story. I must focus on a main event....An exciting moment that I can build on !!!

Think About It: What Was the Writer Thinking?

Let's listen to her thinking as she planned her story.

"As I began to think about what I wanted to write about for this prompt, I remembered the time that I went to the *Mall of America* with my friend Lauren. I remembered that it was such a fun time. But I knew that the prompt would not allow me to tell about it all, even though it was a fantastically fun and full day!!! As I began to think about the many things that I did at the *Mall of America*, I knew that I needed to focus on one main thing, one main event. But I did many fun things with Lauren that day. How could I choose? Let's see, I played games in the car on the

way there, I ate breakfast at a really cool doughnut shop, I went into dozens of cool stores, and I even had almost \$100 to spend that day. But when I really thought about it, I realized that the most fun thing was going into that huge indoor amusement park with Lauren. Wow! What an awesome place! But even there, I did a lot of things including riding at least 6 or 7 rides. But without a doubt the coolest ride was the roller coaster. As I closed my eyes, I could still see that shiny silver machine and feel my heart beating wildly. So...that's it! The roller coaster was the greatest! So I focused my story around the time that Lauren and I had fun riding the roller coaster.

The focus of my story:

The fun that I had with my friend Lauren when we rode the roller coaster at the Mall of America.

Focus: Lesson 1

Transparency: Mall of America -

That's how I managed my story.”