

TO THE READER:

The following Wild Card demonstrates my ability to express my personal thoughts in the form of writing. I have chosen to write an informal piece on my desire to travel because I am passionate about pursuing my goal of viewing the world. In my free write, I have utilized certain aspects of formal writing such as the correct use of grammar, variation of sentence structure and logical presentation of my ideas. My utilization of these aspects of writing illustrate that writing techniques are imperative for effective presentation of one's thoughts regardless of writing style. I have also included a few illustrations to capture the attention of my reader.



Illustration 1: Central London



Illustration 2: Jamaica/ The Caribbean

Traveling the World



*Illustration 3: The Opera House,
Australia*



Illustration 5: Venice, Italy

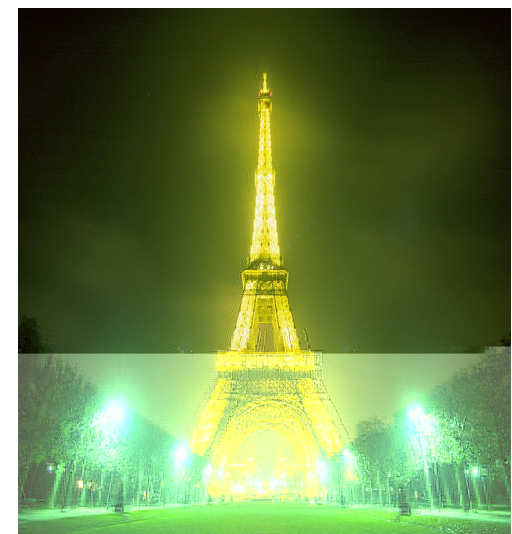


Illustration 4: Eiffel Tower, France

At the early age of two years old, my parents took me on my first flight from my native country to the United States for my first vacation. Although I am unable to recall the experience, I am certain that it was worthwhile. As I continued to travel throughout my lifetime, I slowly began to develop an appreciation for traveling. Needless to say, the only country I have visited is the United States of America. Despite this fact, I still have the propensity to travel to new countries so that I can become more culturally competent and also learn to embrace diversity. My desire to travel has been fueled by my acquaintance with individuals of diverse backgrounds in the United States. Within the time span of only three years, I have met individuals from Asia, Africa, The Caribbean and Europe. In some respects, I believe that I have lived my life vicariously through these individuals as I hope that I will get the opportunity to experience different cultures in the future.

The illustrations that are exhibited above show various parts of the world that I would like to explore. These countries include England, Australia, Italy, France, and the Caribbean Islands (excluding Jamaica). I believe that each country has a distinctive culture which includes scrumptious dishes, traditional dances and music, historical monuments, and a unique language or dialect. As an individual who strives to make individuals more aware of my Jamaican culture, I believe that it is my responsibility to take the initiative to learn about the culture of other countries.

My desire to travel has also impacted my educational pursuits and career goals. One of my primary goals is to partake in a Study Abroad Program in a Spanish-Speaking Country. I have chosen to travel to a Spanish-Speaking Country because I am currently pursuing a Minor in Spanish. In addition to pursuing a Minor in Spanish, I am also aspiring to become a student of International Business which further proves that my desire to explore the world has had a strong impact on my life.