

Suitcase Paragraph

English II

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Directions: After reading the short paragraph by John Cheever, write your own suitcase paragraph, imagining objects that symbolize your life from your suitcase were to fall on the ground, and tell the reader as much about your life as you can.

The more specific the object, the more you tell the reader about your life. For example, if you say that a book falls out of your suitcase, then the reader may know you like books or maybe that you are a student, but the reader can't tell which. If you say an English literary classic book falls out of your bag, then the reader knows specifically you are academically oriented whether a teacher or a student, and if the book is a specific book like *the Odyssey*, the reader can tell you are academically oriented and perhaps that you are a lover of Greek myth and perhaps even symbolizing that you feel your life is a journey like Odysseus'.

There is no set number of words for this assignment, but try to use as few as possible to tell us the most you can about yourself.