Letter Writing Task

Level 3—Spanish

POS Theme: Teen Culture
POS Topic: Vacations

Task Objective:
To write a detailed description of a vacation destination.

Task Description:
You have received a letter from María Elena Martínez, an English teacher at Colegio Gabriela Mistral in Santiago, Chile. In the letter she explains that she and a group of her students are planning to visit the United States this summer. Because they want to see a variety of historical, cultural, natural, and recreational sites, they have decided to visit New York City, Washington, D.C., Florida, and at least one national park. She and her students want to know what they should see and do in the different sites. Write a response to her letter giving her and her students a thorough description of what to see and do in one of the sites. Be sure to answer the students' questions in your letter.

Minimum Requirements to Meet Expectations:
• Introduce yourself and tell a little about yourself.
• Give a detailed description of what she and her students should see and do in the site you choose.
• Answer the students' questions.
• Write at least 225 words or 25 sentences.

Suggestions:
You may want to mention your personal experiences if you have visited the place you choose to describe. You might also want to mention what the students should bring on their trip.

Directions:
You may use the letter from María Elena Martínez to prepare your response.
You may use your notes as you write your letter.
You may not use a dictionary.

Scoring Criteria: Level 3 writing rubric

Write as much as you can! Show off what you can do!