看看这群孩子在讲到自己家乡时都是很真实简单表达。并没有什么六朝古都、四季分明 这一类的小学生作文式的很虚无的调调。

注意:想让大家参考的是,介绍自己家乡时的随意的"非官腔官调"的风格。但不是所 有的词汇都是适合放在雅思考试里的。有一些表达还是太随意,有点痞气。

What's Special About Your Hometown?

# Student Opinion 🥒

The New York Times <u>In Transit blog</u> has announced an open call for readersubmitted videos about the places to see in their hometowns. If you could be a "video tour guide" of your city or town, what would you include? What offbeat places not on the typical tourist list would you suggest? Why?

Students 13 and older are invited to comment below. Please use only your first name. For <u>privacy policy</u> reasons, we will not publish student comments that include a last name.

### Hannah:

My hometown is Englewood, Florida, a very small town that is less than five minutes away from the beach. It may be a small town, but there is always a place to go to do something fun and interesting. It is unique because where ever you are in Englewood, it will take at the most, five minutes to get to a beach. I would take visitors to the beach of course, and then I would take them to the Tampa mall which

is about an hour away. I would take them there because it is a very big mall which has very many interesting stores and the mall itself is something that you should see for yourself.

# Cory H:

My town is a very special town. It has quite a lot of interesting things. Hickory is one of those places where it has a variety of people. You have your really country people, and you have your upscale city people.

Hickory is known for its wide variety of restaurants to eat. We have a mall called Valley Hills located on highway 70 where most people go shop, eat, and just to hang out. We also have many car dealerships. You can find just about any kind of car that you desire in Hickory. You have to visit Shells BBQ for there most famous slushies. The famous slushy they have is a cherry vanilla sun drop slush. This restaurant isn't really that fancy but it leads behind a lot of generations, and is a great place to eat for your value. They also represent the community of Hickory. This is why you should visit my great city.

# dylan b:

I think my home town is so great because it is where my favorite college team is located at. I was born in Lexington, Kentucky. My favorite college team is the Kentucky Wildcats. Lexington is also great because they have the Kentucky Derby a few miles from Lexington.

I remember that i broke my left collar bone when I lived in Lexington. I was only 2 years old and it was Christmas Eve. Sometimes I wish that I could go back and live in

Lexington and visit my family and friends. This is why I think my hometown is so great.

### Daniel:

The place where I live is not really that important to the rest of the world. Our city is just a small-medium city that has half of its citizens out of work. Plus there is really no place to visit; all of our places are just regular old stores. If I did take\anyone any where, it would probably be the mall, but the mall is so boring though. That's probably the biggest store besides Wal-Mart and nothing is of great importance. There is nothing unique about our city. Hickory is just another city in another county; there is nothing special about Hickory.

## ZY:

Being from a smaller town there are not a whole lot of tourist places that would want to be visited by tourists. Since we do not have different food establishments for tourists our scenerey make up for it. About thirty minutes in Boone, NC we have the Blue Ridge Parkway which is beautiful during the fall and winter weather. Along with the scenery we have the campus of Appalachian with it. In our actual home town of Hickory, NC we have a furniture retail that is considered one of the biggest. If you ever decide to visit Hickory, NC just keep driving til you find Charlotte, NC.

### Jason:

My hometown is Houston, Texas. This place is unique because it has so many people. It is so unique because you would think it is a great city but it really isn't. There are so many people that it ticks you off really bad. People from North Carolina, the state I live in now, are like 'dude thats cool because your from Texas'. Well Texas [word removed] if your living in a city with 6 million other people who look foward to 7:30 traffic. One of the few things I actually miss besides the people, is the Mexican food.

p.s. If you want to go to Texas, I would suggest Galveston or San Antonio or some place where you get elbow room.

# Briana t:

Well I'd have to say there's not too much to do in this little town, but its still the place I'm happy to call my hometown. I mean my background comes from here. Hickory, North Carolina is where I was born and raised, its one of the reasons, I'm the person I am today. Its special because its had a impact on everyone, even if they say it doesn't, your hometown is one of the things that make you who you are. If people came here they probably wouldn't think much of it, its just a regular city, we have McDonalds, Wendy's, and all that, just like the rest of the Untied States. So they probably wouldn't think anything's too special about it, but if you really knew the people here, and the way things are. You would understand. I have so many memories here. When I grow up, and move away, and go to face the world on my own, this is the place that I'll come back to.

## Michael R:

my hometown is cleveland ohio, it is really a great city. it has many things to do such as the great lakes science center, or the rock and roll hall of fame, there are also many special events like concerts at quicken loans arena, or football games at the browns stadium. when my friends come to visit i usually hang out with them in my neighborhood, we go swimming at the rec center, play basketball, and sometimes just bmx on our bikes. my three must see spots are, the quicken loans arena, the rock and roll hall of fame, and the great lakes science center. but then i really suggest going to this sushi place called the shinto, its the stuff.

### Sam:

I live in Cleveland. It's a big city, and the best thing about it is that a lot of good bands come here for tours. Most of the bands I love have come to Cleveland on tour.

I think that's special because I get to go see them. Also Cleveland is a nice city, I always like going to the downtown area. There's always stuff to do there, festivals, art shows, concerts, and more. I also like having the lake by where I live. In the summer the lake is a nice thing to live by.

### miranda:

My home town is Rock Hill, SC. There is nothing really special about this town for everyone, but for me it is. This is where i grew up and my grandmother lived till she passed away in 2004. Most of my family lives in this town, but everyone is starting to move away now. We have nothing, but a small mall and Wa-lmart. When i lived there it was mostly farms, but now it has turned into more of a city.

# Aspen:

My hometown is Hickory, North Carolina. Other than having the only Shell's BBQ that i know of, we're not special for anything. It's a really small town, with small minded people. It reminds me of Salem, Massacusettes because everyone is so stuck on one thing and if you aren't then they'll try to convince you to be like they are, As soon as I graduate I plan on leaving. They hometown is not special to me, therefore I can't think of much to write in this, as to how much the hometown isn't special at all. It's a much longer list and easier for me to think of to type.

# Cortney:

I live in good old Hickory North Carolina, there's not much here that makes it unique but there is a small list. One of the most important things would have to be our amazingly small, but comfortable mall, another would definitely be Hickory Dickory Dock, yeah I know it sounds gay but its definitely not, there just happens to be a lot of exciting obstacles for children of all ages there, pure entertainment. If I had to take visitors somewhere it would be 70 because of all the nice, cool, good hearted people out there every Friday and Saturday evening.

# Kyon:

The city of Hickory is incredibly unique place because it is the location of many fascinating people. Many of which go to my school. Hickory is a nice place to stay at if I was video recording a tour of hickory I would show them the science center because if the had kids with them then it would be a great place for them because the kids would have something at all times and because if the parents was interested in like fishes and and other things in the ocean then they could see them because the science center just opened a knew aquarium close to two years ago.

## Chris:

I am from Hickory North Carolina and I feel it is a special place. First of all it is a joy to live in because of all the extremely nice citizens that live here. My school is wonderful because of the happy optimistic attitudes of all my peers. I'm so fortunate for the wide variety of activities there are to do when you're bored such as going to the movies and stuff. We have access to a delicious cookout where you can get an entire meal for the low price of \$4.34 and it's open until 4:00 A.M. It's especially cool when you drive through and see a bunch of people chillin' in the parking lot. The city of Hickory is a cool place!

# Blake S:

The best thing about my hometown is we have a nice skatepark boardparadise. Also most of my family lives in my hometown. We have a nice community and good citizens in Hickory. Are town is not to small but not to big it is the perfect size. The one thing that I hate about Hickory is that there are slow people who drive and it is very annoying. I think we have everything we need in this town such as food places, skateparks, grociery stores etc. That is why I think is what I think is special about my hometown.

# Megan W:

My hometown is Taylorsville. There's nothing really special about Taylorsville. It's a small town with absolutely nothing to do. A lot of people go and hang out at Wal-Mart. Wal-Mart It's like their mall. There's not really anything special about my hometown. A lot of people hang out at McDonald's after school too.

## Drake C:

The town is full of nice people, there are flowers and plants like ever other town, but I love my town. I know must of the people and I know almost were everything is. The town has mini restaurants like a Waffle house, Burger King, KFC, and a Taco Bell. My town may not be the best but I love it and it's the best to me. There's a hospital, doctors office, and an emergency care for all your medical needs.

The restaurants always have somebody there until closing. I like going out to eat but it's not like eating at home there's more rules and more responsibility. There's many other restaurants but there real not that good.

### Jonathan:

I was born and raised in Hickory N.C. Its not that big but we manage. I really dont know anything special or fun to do unless you go bowling at Pin Station its a kind of big bowling place with an arcade and you can shoot some pool other than that I really dont know what else to do except sit at the movie and watch a movie or play in the arcade. Its pretty fun and they are always showing a good movie. So ts pretty small but you can still haev some family fun it would be a good place to visit.

# Thomas B:

My hometown is Hickory, North Carolina. Hickory is an extremely small town. The most exciting thing in town is the movie theatre, and it is a small theatre. There are a few fairly nice places in town though. One of the best restaurants in town is Shell's BBQ, but the food there is not spectacular. Shell's is just famous for its delicious

slushies. In downtown Hickory there is a town square type thing with various shops and restaurants and such. Occasionally they have some type of musical performance or something there, most of the time though Hickory is one of the most boring cities in the country. Still though, it is home.

## Elia:

I feel that my hometown is unique in some ways, not many but some. When every time my aunt and uncle come visit from California we always take them to Glenn Hilton Park. It's a fun park to go to and have some family time. We also like to take them to the flea market in Gastonia. There are many things to look at and buy there. I enjoy going to the Valley Hills Mall here in Hickory. So many things to buy but not enough money. There is a great restaurant called El 2 Amigos and El Rancho Viejo that we like to go to. There is great food and awesome service. But the best thing of where I live is all the great people in it, in my school and in my community. I wouldn't like any other way.

# Aaliyah:

Well I wasn't born in Hickory, NC I was born in Morganton.

In Morganton there was all my friends who was always there for me, I also played a lot of sports and lots of people cheering me on I loved that. Down there when me and my friends hung out we went to movies or even uptown. Which was really fun? Now I'm in HIckory some of my friends go to movies hang at the mall and just have fun. Hickory has variety types of car dealerships, resturants such as Texas Roadhouse which is very good and has amazing food. You have like when you ride down the road cruising you can see Chillin in parking lots with there friends just have fun. So both places i have actually lived are really cool places to have fun. My hometowns are special to me..!!!!!