Sensory Details Observation Worksheet (College Level)

Observation Focus

Subject Being Observed:

Location / Context:

Purpose of Observation: (What impression are you aiming to convey?)

Sight (What You See)

Colors, shapes, size, movement, contrasts, lighting

Specific details rather than general labels

Notable visual changes or focal points

Sound (What You Hear)

Volume, rhythm, pitch, repetition

Background vs. foreground noises

Silence or absence of sound (if relevant)

Smell (What You Notice in the Air)

Intensity and quality (sharp, faint, sweet, stale, etc.)

Associations or memories triggered

Changes over time or space

Touch (What You Feel)

Texture, temperature, pressure, movement

Internal sensations (tension, comfort, unease)

Interaction between body and environment

Taste (If Relevant)

Flavor qualities (bitter, sweet, metallic, etc.)

Aftertaste or lingering sensations

Emotional or symbolic relevance

Reflection

Which sensory details best support your controlling impression?

Which details can be omitted to avoid overload?

What insight or meaning emerges from these observations?