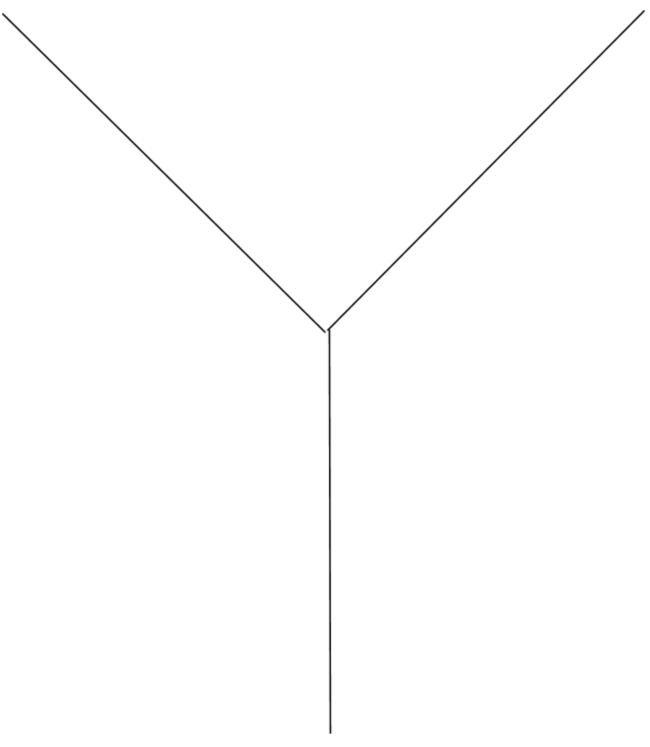
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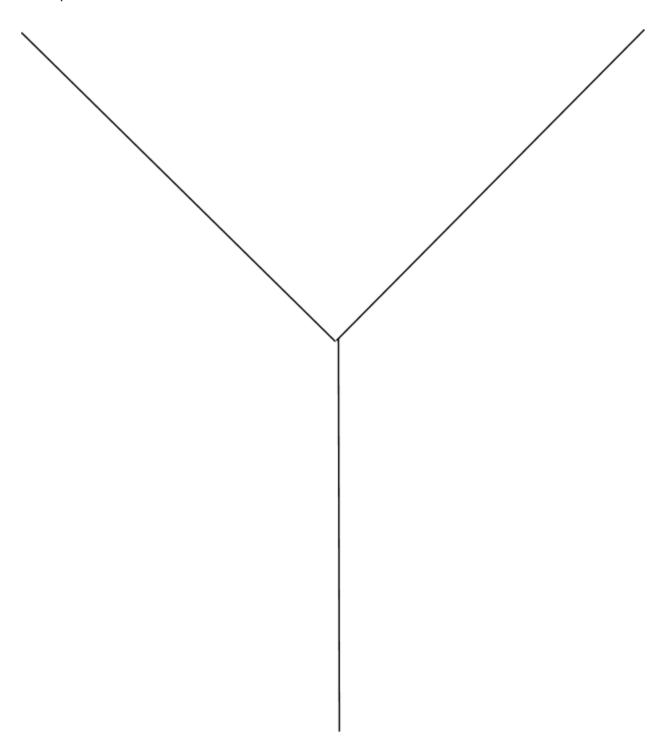
Setting

Describe your bedroom. You may want to include how messy or clean it is, how it is decorated (walls, flooring, bedding, furniture), how light or dark it is, how it smells, what happens inside, who spends time there, and what kinds of sounds you would hear. Then answer the following question: If a stranger walked into your bedroom, what would they think of you? Why?

Example #1



Example #2:



Think of a city or town you are very familiar with. It could be a place where you have lived or a place from a television show, movie, or book that you know well. Answer the questions below.

- 1. How big or small is the place you write about? What is the size of the population?
- 2. Where is it located in relation to other landmarks, regions, or worlds?
- 3. What is the landscape like? Is it mountainous or flat? A prairie or desert? What grows there?
- 4. What is the average temperature? Do the seasons change? Does temperature or weather affect how people live and dress? Or how much time they spend outside?
- 5. How do people earn a living? Who is the largest employer? How much time do people spend working each day?
- 6. What is the average income? Are people in his place unusually poor, or unusually well off?
- 7. How is this place governed? Who has the power to create change?
- 8. What are the conflicts between neighbor and neighbor? Envy or hatred between groups?
- 9. Who is happiest about having to live/be in this place? Who is least happy?
- 10. If the place held an annual celebration, what/who would it honor? What makes the people of the town most proud?
- 11. How "modern" is it in comparison to the world around it? Is it outdated? Do the people here look up to or down at any other place?
- 12. How clean or safe is it? Do people feel comfortable about leaving their doors unlocked, or is it dangerous?
- 13. How moral is it? Do bad people suffer and good people triumph? Or are endings complicated?
- 14. What religion do most people who live here practice? Are residents bound by a certain kind of spirituality?
- 15. What is this place's biggest flaw in the eyes of a stranger? What is its biggest asset in the eyes of a stranger?
- 16. What is the mood of this place? Is it spooky? Bright? Honest and comfortable? Sad?
- 17. What is the biggest threat to peace and prosperity?
- 18. How vulnerable is this place to change? How sheltered or unsheltered is it?
- 19. Who best represents the town's image?