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90th Street Brainstorming Worksheet

play with idea development before composing your paragraph

	My person: (write it below)	My place: (write it below)	My thing: (write it below)
	a dog-catcher	an alley at night	a net
How might you describe this noun using Mr. Sim's advice? "Focus on an interesting detail or two!"	(write a sentence or phrase in these spaces) His name is stitched into his uniform with bright yellow thread.	(write a sentence or phrase in these spaces) These bright red brick walls turn purple in this darkness.	(write a sentence or phrase in these spaces) The aluminum pole is scratched from previous dogs' gnashings.
How might you describe this noun using Mr. Morley's advice? "Find poetry in your words!"	(Alliteration) He shivers suspiciously with sweat and seems scared. He has huge hands.	(Simile & Personification) Garbage cans line the walls like soldiers. The cans dare him to look behind them.	(Metaphor) This net is a weapon against his fear.
How might you describe this noun using Mrs. Martinez advice? "Spice it up with action!"	Stumbling in pot holes...spinning around when he hears creaks and thunks.	One garbage can quakes with tremors... something hides behind it...	It scrapes the alley's sides as the dogcatcher moves forward towards the can.
What's a "What if" question about this noun that Alexis Leora's advice might inspire? "Ask 'What if?' to find your story."	what if the dogcatcher finds his own dog behind that garbage can?	what if the alley has one of those motion-detecting lights that comes on?	what if there's a hole in the net that he doesn't know about?

Now...use your favorite sentences and phrases from above to write a descriptive paragraph that mentions your person, your place, and your thing.

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