

## 'Tis the Season *Humor Writing*

- Allow the reader to find the humor through your descriptions.
- What are the characters doing that makes it funny?
  - **Simile** – a comparison using *like* or *as*. *The pizza tasted like an old shoe.*
  - **Metaphor** – a comparison not using *like* or *as*. *The room was a pig sty.*
  - **Hyperbole** – an exaggeration. *This movie will never end.*
  - **Parody** – a humorous imitation. *The bear and three Goldilocks.*

### **Essay #1:** Write a humorous story about beach Santa. (18-24 sentences)

Santa's village on the end of the pier is really Johnson's old bait shack, which sold poles, ice, and bait. Tall tales were included free of charge. Unfortunately, the fish smell didn't leave with the owner's retirement.

Pier Santa poses with surfboards wrapped like candy canes. In fact, this Santa is more casual than his shopping mall brothers, wearing flip-flops and a red stocking cap saying "Hang Loose!" Santa brought with him a few loaves of fresh sourdough bread from Sweetie Peetie's Bakery. When the smell of sourdough is in the air, no one passes her bakery without buying a loaf or two... or seven. Santa was hungry and in a surly mood because he hadn't eaten since breakfast. But he mustered his strength, tightened his big, black belt, and flung open the bait shop door shouting, "Santa is in the house! *Ho-Ho-Ho!*"



### **Essay #2:**

The lady on the gift return hotline asked me to slow down and repeat one more time what exactly was wrong with the Robo Helper 2000. (16-20 sentences)

**Essay #3:** Lucille lived in a small two bedroom, two bath gingerbread house over on Candy Cane Lane. At first this sounded like a great idea – just eat a wall if you're hungry!

(12-16 sentences)

