

Assignment: Choose a person, place, or event. Compare how the media represents this person, place, or event to a historical account and/or your own personal experience; in essence, compare the representation to the reality. Within this one single-spaced page comparison, explain how the representation and the reality may inform each other.

Las Vegas

Las Vegas is a very well known city to everyone. It is very well known for its casinos, shows and overall it is a well known place for having fun. You can get rich in a matter of few hours, and can get poor in a matter of few hours, if you are not on lock.

I had heard and seen a lot about Las Vegas in T.V., but I had never been there until last summer. I could hardly wait to get there while we were driving to there from L.A., finally after 5 hours of driving the city was visible from the freeway. We took Las Vegas Blvd. exit and entered the city. Since it was night the lights of the casinos were on, and I could not feel the darkness of the night.

I was very much amazed seeing that many casinos all at one place. We entered the driveway of the hotel which we were going to stay for the time that we were in Las Vegas. I went to the lobby of the hotel; the sound of the Jackpots, people, and the winners could be very well heard. These noises directed me to the casino door. I was very much excited, but at the same time I was worried to enter the casino because I was under age. I decided to walk into the casino, and pretend everything is normal. I entered the casino and could see people playing blackJack, Poker, Jackpot, rollet. The place was very crowded. While I was walking in the casino, every second I was waiting for someone to come and ask me to leave, but thanks to God this never happened.

I had a high fever for playing. I got some tokens and started playing rollet, right away.

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