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The World has many places,'n store who knows what we could find pecihly I wanna go to madagascar

The first reson is that theres so many ~~to~~ unexplored things ~~It~~ Like the plants and animals

The second reson is the plants, people, and animals that live there ~~son~~ most of the plants and animals only Live on madagascar ~~m~~

My favrit animal that Lives there are ~~animals~~ Lemurs thats the third reson and that 14 out of 15 types of lemurs only live on madagascar my favrit plant is the baobab tree guess were else it Lives No were

well that decides it im packing up my things
and leaving so I want to see ya

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Thunder rumbles ominously over my head as I splash through one puddle after another. My light brown hair, bound up in a messy bun, is laced with sparkling drops of rain. I sigh, but a smile is dancing at the corners of my mouth. This is where I want to be.

That is how I imagine myself in Forks, Washington, the one place that I'd like to go visit. Before you ask, of course I don't want to go there just to enjoy the constantly pouring rain! Twilight, my favorite book, was set in Forks, and I'd like to go to see if the author was 100% clear on her facts.

First of all, you'll need to know a bit about Twilight before you have any idea what I'm going to be talking about for the rest of this essay. In the world contained between this book's crisp pages there is a quiet, dark haired girl named Isabella Swan. (Bella, for short) She goes on a self-inflicted trip from sunny Pheonix, Arizona to dreary Forks, Washington to spend the school year living with her equally quiet, easy-going father. However, when Bella moves to a place ~~she's~~ she's sure will be

no more exciting than a pop quiz in calculus, the one thing she doesn't expect to find is staring her in the face. Try a nest of vegetarian vampires, a pack of young werewolves... and true love. Creepy, huh?

Now that you know a bit about Twilight, I'll tell you about what Forks holds for me! Basically, I want to see if all the things the author described (in incredible detail) are really there. I'd like to take a ~~peak~~ peek at Fork's sandstone High School and check out the neighboring Indian reservation.

Most of all, however, I want to step into Bella's shoes. I'm sure it will be much easier imagining vampires in the dark alleys of Forks on a rainy November afternoon than curled up in bed under my fluffy down comforter.

So, just for a while, I can be the character, see what she saw, and hear what she heard. As I hope I've illustrated for you, I'd like to take a trip to Forks, Washington. Not to be myself... but to be someone else entirely.

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Snakes, Lizards, and, Kangaroos are one reason I would like to visit Australia. I have always wanted to go to Auralia. To me it has some of the coolest features on Earth. It has deserts, forest and all kinds of neat climates and animals.

Ever since I was young I have ~~wanted~~ been curious about Autralia, because I have seen pictures of animals and all different climates that look really cool. I have also seen shows about Australia, and the ~~th~~ T.V. show, "The Crocadile Hunter", with Steve Irwin. To me in pictures it always looks so sunny there except when they have huge awsome thunder storms. Australia has some very cool deserts that I have seen pictures of and it looks very cool.

The main reason I would like to visite Australia is because of its Animals and wildlife, it has some of the most Venomos Snakes on Earth, and it has the most venomos shake the Taipan. It has so many species of animal and cool features that makes just one more reason for me to want to visit Australia.

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One Small Step For Me

"Mission Control to ground control, this is Hawk Leader approaching the Surface of Saturn. Requesting permission to land." "Permission Granted."

"Ground Control I have landed on the Surface of Saturn."

"Wow, it's really... really ~~somethige~~ something out here." "But Man let me tell you it is HOT! In here!"

"There is a dense fog so I'll have to go on foot."

"Ground control I'm ready to be briefed." "Ok Hawk Leader the power Source our sensors detected is 100 kilometers South of your landing."

"Uuuh Ground control I'm already there." "Oh! than great, what does the power source look like?

"It's the fog I've been walking through generating from a hole in the surface."

"Collect a sample and head home Hawk Leader. You have been a very valuable asset." "You will be remembered in the Aerospace Archives, as well as in our hearts."

To explore the unexplored is why I chose Saturn. To find an unlimited power source, and to do <u>exactly</u> what I just wrote.

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Island in the Sun

There are so many places in the world, so many places to see and explore. Although there are many places to talk about, I would like to talk about one special place, a small island in the sun called Guam.

Now, not many people have heard about Guam. It's not big on the maps either. When I tell people I'm from Guam they look at me with curiosity. They always wonder what and where it is, so I tell and show them. Sometimes I have to tell them a little bit about my culture. In the end, they somehow seem facinated.

In America, you have first, second, and third cousins. In Guam that gets confusing after your fith cousin so we use a simple system. The way we use it is by saying your aunt and uncle's kids are your cousins. Then your cousin's kids are your neices and nephews. Of course, our mom and dads brothers and sisters are still our

aunts and undes.

Some of our traditions on Guam is to have huge parties for your first, fifth, 10th, and 16th birthday. When we have parties we just tell family and close friends because they will all invite their friends then their friends friends will invite their friends and so on. By the day of the pasty about 600-700 people will know and show up!! Although we don't know everybody at the party, we are all connected somehow. Besides, I think big parties are more fun than small ones.

As you can see, our culture and island is very lively and upbeat, esspecially our partres. If you ever have a chance to visit Guam, stop by and say "hafa adi" which is Guamainan for "hi!" Happy Travels!!

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Mirrors and More

I am so excited! I am just ~~fi~~ beginning my tour of the Palace in Versailles, France. I have allways desired to come and see this marvelous strand of architecture.

We just walked into the Queen's Suite. Did you know that while Marie Antionette occupied this room, She had apple green and gold wallpaper? This palace has been inhabited by several great French monarchs. It is so intriguing to be able to see the rooms that made history come alive!

After leaving the Queen's Quarters, we traveled on to the King's Living Quarters. The rooms were bright and valiant. They usually had red sprinkled here and there.

As ~~we~~ our tour came to an end we were escorted into the hall of mirrors. If you

haven't seen this room, then you are missing the greatest moment of splendor. To put it simply, you are almost blinded! One side of this room is covered with floor length mirrors. The ~~other~~ other side has intricate windows. When you hear "Hall of Mirrors" you might think of a room filled with oddly formed mirrors. Well, this room is more splendid than strange. It is hard to believe that over 100 years ago Marie Antionette cascaded down this hall in her wedding dress. It was a splendid white and was strewn with over 100 diamonds! I can't even comprehend how she glowed. ~~oo~~ Just imagine the ~~splendor~~ beauty she added to this room on her wedding day! But in truth, I was only here in my mind. ~~t~~ I do ~~how~~ however wish to ~~return~~ visit this mavelous palace someday.