

NOTE: Below are sample comments that might be seen on an online discussion forum. Review the topic and the posts with your class.

Online Discussion Board

What is it about your town that makes it special?

<u>10-16-2013, 03:06 PM</u>

Michelle

Peaches have been grown in my town for over 100 years, and every year we have a Peach Festival for a whole week. There is a parade, rides, and even the circus comes to town. When people around here think of my town, they think of peaches!

<u>10-16-2013, 03:20 PM</u>

Ellwood

During the Civil War, there was a major battle near my town, and the Union troops camped out here before the battle. If you go to the park near Main Street, there is a monument that tells all about the battle, and a giant sculpture of soldier on a horse.

—10-16-2013, 04:31 PM

John

There is only one high school in my town, and it's not very big. But on a Friday night during football season, EVERYONE in the town goes to the school stadium to watch them play. Go Wildcats!

<u>10-16-2013, 04:35 PM</u>

Deanna

If you drive through my town during Christmas time, you'll think you're in the North Pole with all of the Christmas lights that people decorate their houses with. People come from all around the area to see these Christmas lights.

10-16-2013, 04:39 PM

Barney

Lots of people where I live raise horses, and there is even a race track. But the cool thing is that when you're downtown, there are a bunch of statues of horses, each painted in a different way. Anyone who comes here for the first time can tell that horses are a big part of our town!

BRAINSTORM: Ask your students what comments they would leave on the discussion board. What makes their town special? What can be done to highlight that special feature so it stands out to residents and visitors?