

WRITING EXERCISE

Description of October

It was a gray-golden day in late October, bright and windy. There was a sharp bit and sparkle in the mountain air: the range soared above him, close, immense, clean, and barren. The trees rose gaunt and stark: they were almost leafless. The sky was full of windy white rags of cloud; a thick blade of mist washed slowly around the rampart of a mountain. *Look Homeward, Angel* p. 9

Description of Spring

Spring came that year like magic and like music and like song... It came like music faint and far, it came with triumph and a sound of singing in the air, with lutions of sweet bird cries at the break of day and high swift passing of a wing, and one day it was there upon the city streets with a strange and sudden cry of green, its sharp knife of wordless joy and pain.

“The Train and the City” *The Complete Short Stories of Thomas Wolfe* p.10

Writing Exercise: Thomas Wolfe uses some of the same words to describe different seasons: the words **air** and **sharp** are used to write about fall and spring. Choose two different seasons. First write about one, then the other, using two or three of the same words in each description. Make sure you write about how each of the seasons makes you feel.