

The Creative Challenge

How to apply for freshman or transfer admission to the Bernard and Anne Spitzer School of Architecture at The City College of New York:

1. File a **CUNY Freshman or Transfer Application** at www.cuny.edu/undergraduate prior to **January 1ST**, indicating The Spitzer School of Architecture at City College as your first choice (code 0184). Applicants to the Macaulay Honors College must apply by **December 1ST**. NOTE: The Spitzer School of Architecture only admits new students for the fall.
2. Submit all documents as instructed, including your high school and/or college transcript(s), standardized test scores and application fee to the University Application Processing Center (UAPC). Macaulay Honors College applicants should submit additional information as instructed. **DO NOT SEND THESE MATERIALS WITH YOUR CREATIVE CHALLENGE!**
3. In addition to completing a CUNY Freshman or Transfer Application, all applicants must complete and submit this **Creative Challenge** to the address found below. Submissions must be postmarked by **January 2ND** to be considered. Be sure to include your name and CUNY- assigned ID number or last 4 digits of your SSN on each page. *Please print clearly.* Submit the Creative Challenge to:

**The Bernard and Anne Spitzer School of Architecture
Creative Challenge
141 Convent Avenue, Room 113
New York, NY 10031**

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

E-mail: _____ I am applying as a: FRESHMAN TRANSFER

In keeping with The City College's founding mission, which emphasizes diversity and access, we are giving prospective students of the Spitzer School of Architecture an opportunity to demonstrate their full imaginative potential by responding to this Creative Challenge. As an applicant to the Spitzer School of Architecture, you are invited to express who you are and how you see the world. Your interpretive responses to the following five problems will enable us to get to know you better. Enjoy, and good luck!

Please honor the following rules when responding to the enclosed Creative Challenge:

1. You may respond to each question using any medium or technique that you believe to be most appropriate. This includes collage or any other form of representation.
2. Your response to each question must be recorded on the corresponding sheet and wholly contained therein.
3. You may not draw on the back of the sheets or use additional sheets in your responses.
4. Please read and sign the statement of authorship at the bottom of this page and return it in the envelope with your responses to the five questions.
5. Be sure to include your name and CUNY ID number *or* the last four digits of your SSN on each page.
6. **DO NOT INCLUDE OTHER MATERIALS WITH YOUR CREATIVE CHALLENGE.** They will not be considered in your application.

I hereby declare that all of the responses to this Creative Challenge represent my own work and that I have received no help from any outside party.

Signature _____

Date _____

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: *May I glue things onto the paper?*

A: *Yes, as long as it remains flat enough to be mailed in normal 8-1/2 x 11 envelopes. We would prefer not to receive your Creative Challenge (CC) in any bulky or special mailing boxes.*

Q: *May I use color in my response?*

A: *Yes.*

Q: *May I scan the sheets into the computer and work digitally (such as in Photoshop)?*

A: *Yes, as long as your submission gets printed out on 8 ½ x 11 paper. WE WILL ONLY ACCEPT PAPER SHEETS – no USBs, disks, links, etc.*

Q: *May I add additional pages to my answers?*

A: *No.*

Q: *May I draw on the back of my CC sheets?*

A: *No.*

Q: *Do I need to work only within the black rectangular border on each sheet?*

A: *Yes.*

Q: *Should I call to confirm that my CC has been received by the school?*

A: *No. We will call you if we do not receive the CC by the deadline. We suggest that you request a tracking number from the post office or mail carrier you choose.*

Q: *May I call the school with specific questions about my answers to the CC questions?*

A: *No. We are not allowed to provide any information about how you should respond to the questions. That is up to you. Please see the rules listed on the first page of this download.*

Q: *Is a portfolio required for admission to the Spitzer School of Architecture?*

A: *Do not submit a portfolio or any additional materials with your Creative Challenge – they will not be reviewed nor will they help your application. Only transfer applicants are required to submit a portfolio in addition to the Creative Challenge.*

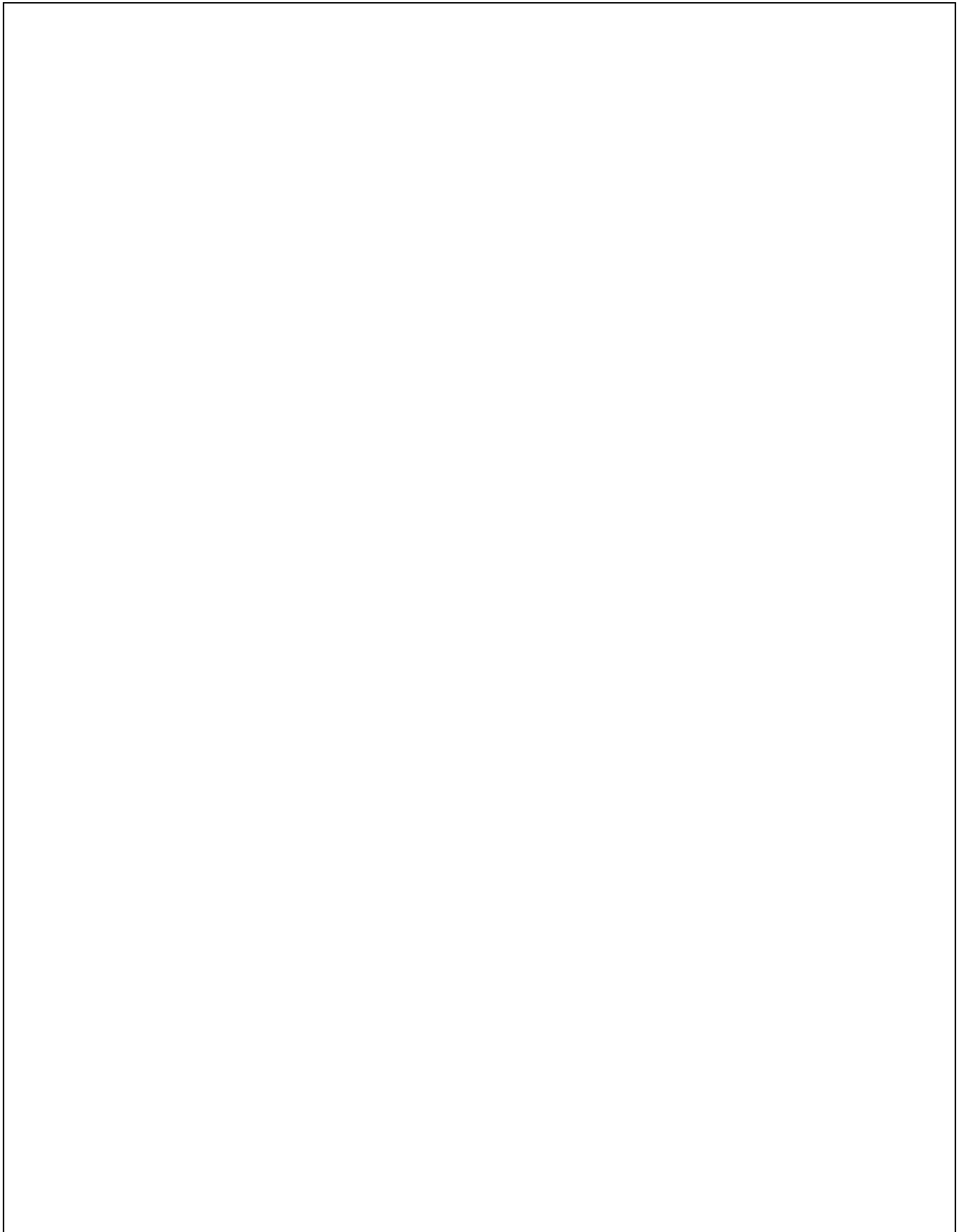
Q: *Should any other documents be sent with the CC?*

A: *No.*

WE STRONGLY SUGGEST YOU MAKE A COPY OR SCAN OF YOUR CREATIVE CHALLENGE SUBMISSION. IN THE UNLIKELY EVENT IT IS DAMAGED OR LOST IN THE MAIL, YOU WILL EASILY BE ABLE TO RE-SUBMIT.

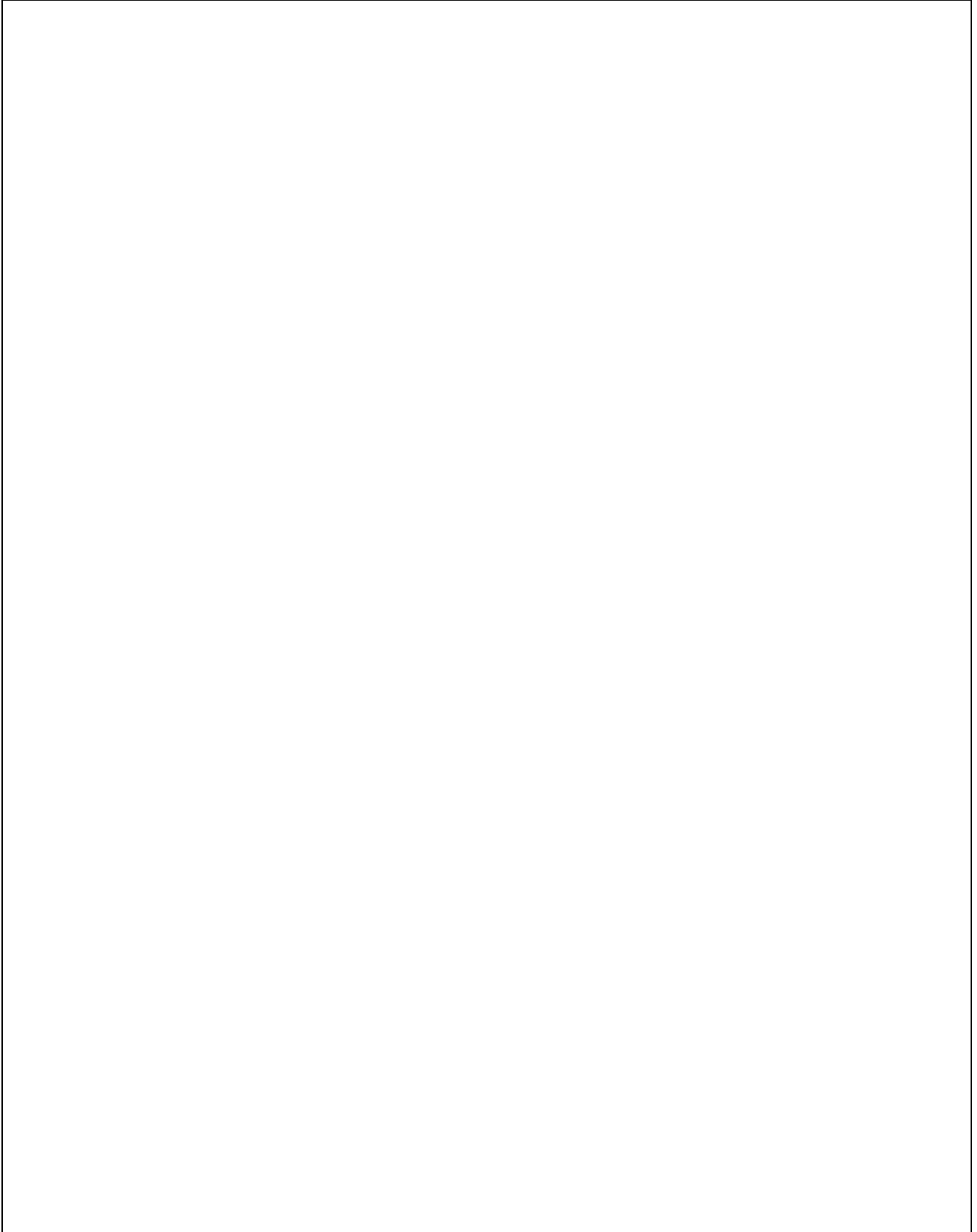
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Challenge 1: Record yourself in a creative act. (This is not a writing assignment)

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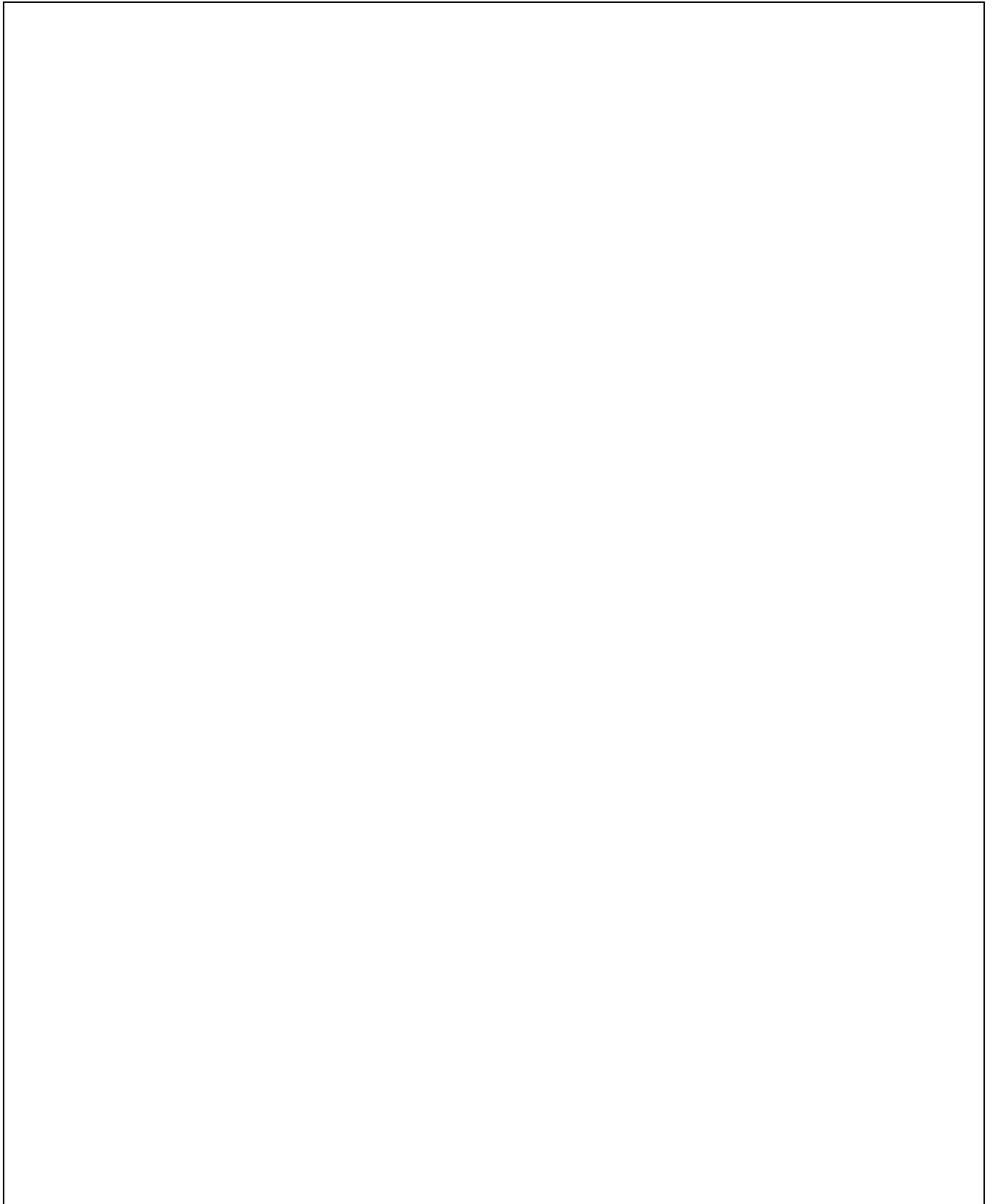
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Challenge 2: Write one paragraph that describes your favorite space.

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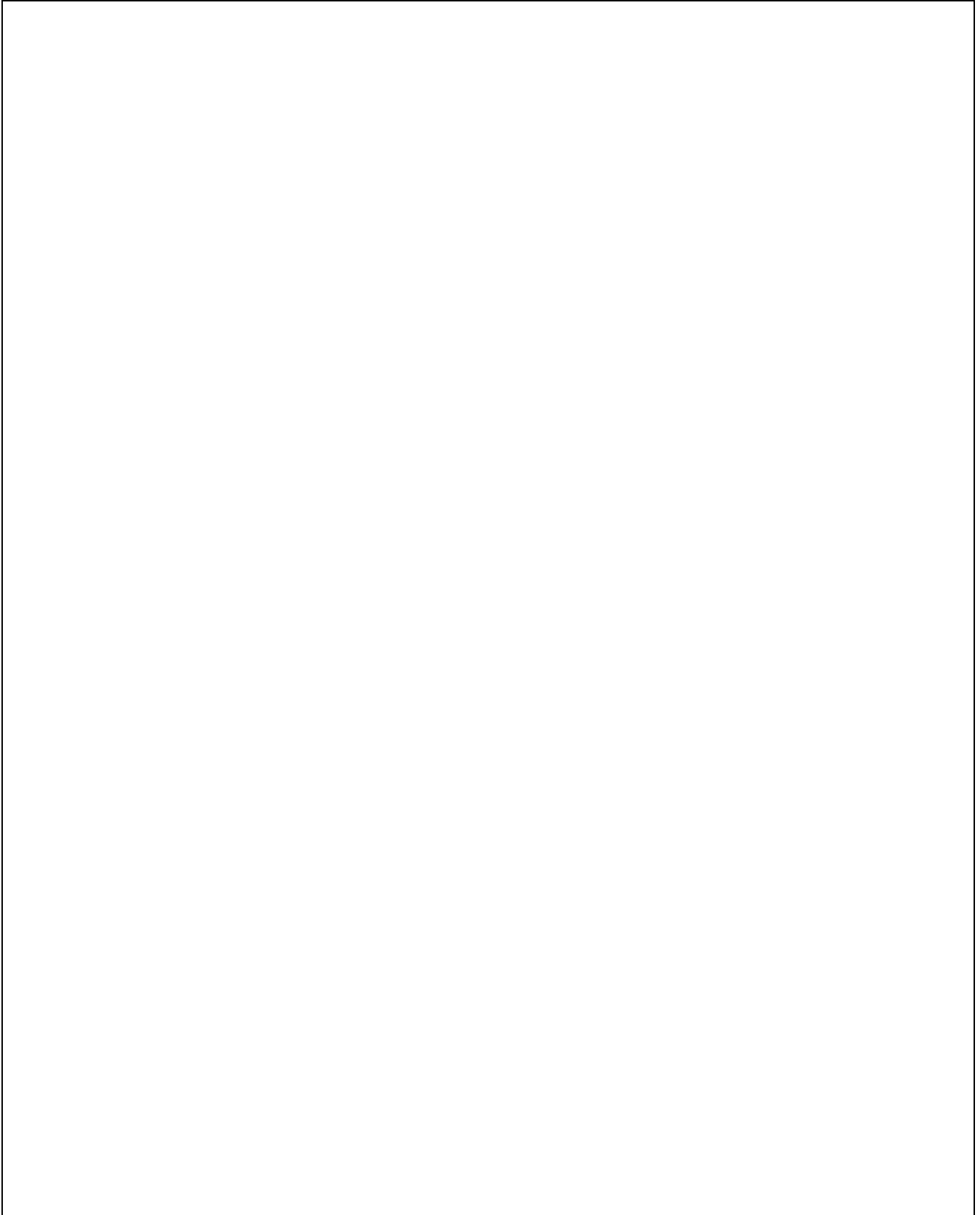
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Challenge 3: Represent something moving in time. (This is not a writing assignment.)

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Challenge 4: Represent an object in two scales simultaneously. (This is not a writing assignment.)



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Challenge 5: Depict a path to or from your place of residence. (This is not a writing assignment.)

