



Compréhension de l'écrit et expression écrite

Le sujet porte sur l'axe 2 du programme : **Espace privé et espace public**

Il s'organise en deux parties :

1. Compréhension de l'écrit ;

2. Expression écrite.

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Texte 1

Why Gated Communities are becoming a global problem

[...] The prevalence of gated communities has steadily risen across the United States since the 1960s. According to Edward Blakely, author of *Fortress America*, census figures show that between 6 and 9 million Americans live behind gates. The appeal of gated communities lies in their promise of safety, privacy, exclusivity, and ultimately sameness and predictability.

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People choose to live in these communities because they want to be around people like them and have freedom from the uncertainty of the outside world – most gated communities have a school, community centre, pool, and other amenities. You rarely have to leave the community, except when commuting to work.

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However, that promise of safety and sameness is now proving to be pretty empty. In a recent article on gated communities in *The Atlantic Cities*, author Sarah Goodyear wrote:

“By fostering suspicion and societal divisions, gated communities can paradoxically compromise safety rather than increase it. And because they cut residents off from the

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15 larger community, they can shrink¹ the notion of civic engagement and allow residents to retreat from civic responsibility.”

20 When you retreat into a big home in a gated or exclusively high-income community, you aren't exposed to other cultures, people less fortunate than you, artists, senior citizens, etc. Common knowledge suggests that being exposed to different people and experiences is how we broaden our horizons. It is how we become inspired to do the little daily things that make the world a better place – like volunteering, making art or music, and creating or participating in community projects.

25 In a gated community, you wouldn't do any of these things because society's problems are no longer your problem and all you need for pleasure is there for you to passively enjoy. This might be okay on a vacation, but it does not make for an ideal society. People in gated communities run the risk of being culturally malnourished as they shut out difference and diversity for a predictable fantasyland that has no connection to reality. [...]

Jillian Glover, thiscitylife.tumblr.com, Aug. 11th, 2012

Texte 2

America Has a Private-Beach Problem

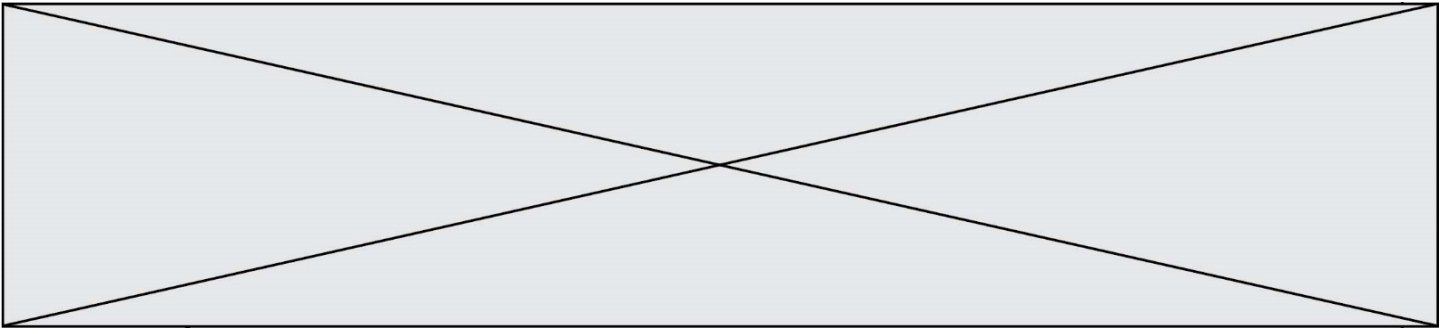
A shockingly small portion of the shoreline is truly available to the public.

5 Accessing the least-crowded section of New York's Lido beach requires either money or insider knowledge. Anyone staying at one of the nearby hotels can walk through the lobby, and those living in a building bordering the beach can waltz in through a separate gate using a residents-only electronic access code. Everyone else, though, has to come in through a public entrance half a mile away and walk over the sand.

10 In theory, some portion of every beach in the coastal United States is reserved for collective use – even those that border private property. But exactly how big that portion is varies widely, and in practice, much of the shore is impenetrable. [...] Lido beach is a classic (and absurd) example: Like the rest of the New York coast, it is technically open to everyone up to the high-tide line, but actually reaching that public strip is difficult without trespassing on private land. A trip to the ocean has never been more confusing.

Michael Waters, <https://www.theatlantic.com>, September 12, 2023

¹ to shrink: (here) render less important



1. Compréhension de l'écrit (10 points)

Give an account of both documents, **in English** and in your own words. You will focus on the separation and accessibility of public and private places in the USA. How do the journalists view these issues?

2. Expression écrite (10 points)

Vous traiterez **en anglais**, et en 120 mots minimum, **l'un des deux sujets suivants au choix** :

Sujet A

Your friend lives in a gated community and loves it. You don't understand why. Write the dialogue.

Sujet B

Explain and discuss this statement by Martin Luther King: "We must learn to live together as brothers or perish* together as fools."

*perish = die