LETTERS ABOUT LITERATURE

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Letter Writing Clinic

Read. Be inspired. Write Back.

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THEME

How did an author's work change your view of the world or yourself?

READ

Select a fiction or nonfiction book, a poem or play you have read and about which you have strong feelings. (Sorry, no song lyrics!) It might be a book that helped you through a difficult time or it might be a book that simply touched your heart or inspired you.

REFLECT

Think before you write. How did this author's work change you or your view of the world? How do you know it did? How and why are you different now than you were before you read this work?

Persuade

Write a personal letter to the author, stating how reading his or her work changed you. Be personal but also persuasive! Support your ideas with specific details, including details from the work itself. This is not a fan letter but rather a reflection on how an author influenced you.

WRITE

Type your entry in letter format – do not send handwritten letters. Your name and complete return address (either school or home) must appear in the upper right corner of the first page of the letter.

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