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## Write a Letter to an Author/Writer



A great way to learn how to be a critical thinker and reader is by writing letters to authors and writers. By doing this, you are injecting yourself and your ideas and your perspectives into the learning process. Too many readers read passively. They accept what they read. They don't dare to disagree, ask a few questions, or challenge what is being said.

For this activity, you need to write a letter to the writer/author of the text that you just read.

Your letter should include ideas that you agree or disagree with-and questions you still have.

Perhaps you are confused about a topic or concept the writer discussed. If this is so, pose a clarifying question to the author about what they meant.

If you think a writer was unclear about an idea, tell them.

If you think a writer is being biased, tell them.

If you think a writer brings up a brilliant point, tell them.

The key is to insert yourself into the discussion, and to enter the arena of ideas.

So once again, your mission is to write a letter to the writer/author of the text that you just read.



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