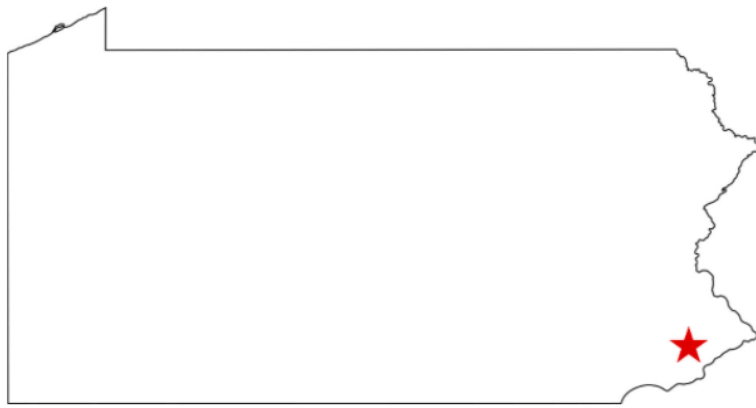


Lesson 2- Handout #3

Letter Writing



Formatting your letter:

Date

Salutation (Dear....)

Introduction (why you are writing)

Body (descriptions of places, events, information about the topic, ideas)

Conclusion

Closing (Sincerely, Yours truly....)

Signature

You are a young citizen living in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania prior to and during the Revolutionary War. Discuss what city life was like during this time. As the capital of the colonies, it was a busy hub. Both the First and Second Continental Congresses were held in Philadelphia. Write a letter to your aunt in Boston, Massachusetts. Date the letter January 30, 1774. This date is after the Boston Tea Party and three months after the First Continental Congress met.

Use the space below to gather your ideas and topics you will include in your letter:

Lesson 4 - Handout #3
Letter Writing



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Introduction (why you are writing)

Body (descriptions of places, events, information about the topic, ideas)

Conclusion

Closing (Sincerely, Yours truly....)

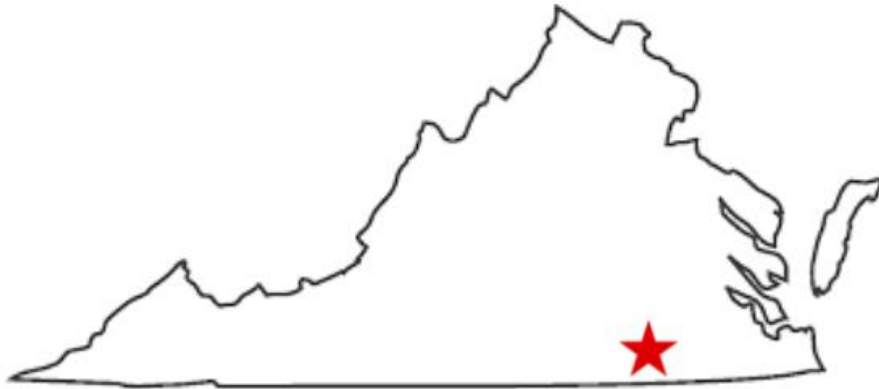
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You are a newly-married woman living in the city of Boston, Massachusetts. Boston is a very busy shipping port and your husband works on the docks unloading cargo ships. Tensions are running high due to the unreasonable taxes being placed on imported goods by Britain. On December 16, 1773 a group of colonists acted upon their frustration because of the “taxation without representation” that was being imposed. At Griffin’s Wharf, 342 chests of tea were dumped by the angry colonists into the harbor. Write a letter to your mother who lives in Salem, Massachusetts to tell her of the news. Date your letter December 17, 1773, just one day after this historic event.

Use the space below to gather your ideas and topics you will include in your letter:

Lesson 4 - Handout #3

Letter Writing



Formatting your letter:

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Introduction (why you are writing)

Body (descriptions of places, events, information about the topic, ideas)

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You are a tobacco farmer living in Southeastern Virginia in 1776. You rely heavily on exporting your crops to make a living. As a struggling farmer, things have not been easy for you since the British control many aspects of colonial life. Write to your father and explain how your decision to move from New York south to Virginia has started to prove prosperous since the writing and adoption of the Declaration of Independence. You will no longer be under the watchful eye of the British and are free to sell and trade crops as a free colonist. Date your letter July 15, 1776.

Use the space below to gather your ideas and topics you will include in your letter:

Lesson 4 - Handout #3
Letter Writing



Formatting your letter:	
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Salutation (Dear....)	
Introduction (why you are writing)	
Body (descriptions of places, events, information about the topic, ideas)	
Conclusion	
Closing (Sincerely, Yours truly....)	
Signature	

You are the widow of a soldier who served in the British army. Living in Georgia in the late 1700's many of your fellow Georgians are loyal to Britain. The colony was prospering under Britain's firm ruling hand, but did oppose the heavy tariffs and restrictions. Your husband died in battle while fighting for the British. Write a letter to the royal governor of Georgia and express your support for British rule. Discuss the reasons why you support British rule and why your husband chose to join the British army while it was in the colonies and fight against his colonial neighbors.

Use the space below to gather your ideas and topics you will include in your letter: