

## Personal Letter

Using a **letter format** similar to the one I use in my example (back of page), write a letter to me about yourself. Please write your letter as a Google Doc on your Drive.

You may write as much as you want, but you must write a **minimum of two paragraphs**, keeping in mind that one paragraph should be roughly 5-7 sentences.

This is a way for me to get to know you, and to get to know your writing. Please take your time and do your best. Included below are some ideas for topics you could cover. You may use any or all of these, but you may also cover any topics of your own choosing. The only topic that is required is the first one: You must introduce yourself.

Please do your best to **WRITE A LETTER**. Do not write simple answers to questions, and do not write a list or a story—it should be cohesive.

Dear Ms. Walker,

- Introduce yourself (name, where you're from, brothers/sisters/family, interesting facts about you, etc.).
- Tell me what you do outside of school (hobbies, interests, etc.)
- Tell me what you do and do not like about school. What subjects do you like? Which do you hate? Which ones come easily? Which ones are the most challenging? This could be about specific things in any class, or about general subject areas.
- What are your plans for your future? Do you plan to go to college? To work? Do you have a particular field of interest, or a dream job?
- How would you rate yourself as a reader? Would you say that you are good at reading? Do you enjoy reading? Do you have any particular challenges or problems with reading?
- What kinds of things would you like to read in this class? What do you read outside of class? Do you have a favorite author or genre?
- How do you think of yourself as a writer? (Or DO you think of yourself as a writer?) What would you say your strengths and weaknesses are? What kinds of things do you like to write (poems, stories, essays, grocery lists—whatever)?
- If you have any questions or requests for me, please include them.

Sincerely,

Your Name

When you're done, share your document with me at [sara.walker.406@gmail.com](mailto:sara.walker.406@gmail.com) so that I can read it. **The letter is due** \_\_\_\_\_.

Dear Students,

Welcome to English class! My name is Ms. Walker, and I'm in my second year of teaching here at HHS. I'm originally from South Texas, before my family moved up to Montana. After graduating from CMR, I made the trek to Helena to attend Carroll College, and fell in love with the community. Once I graduated, and tried my hand at a variety of jobs, I decided to go back to school, get my Masters in Secondary Education, and eventually found my way here to HHS—I am so excited to be back! It's an added bonus that my family is also only ninety miles away.

While I do love visiting my family in Great Falls (I have the cutest nieces and nephew), and it is kind of like traveling, I enjoy actual traveling even more. This past summer I was able to take my nieces to Glacier, which is one of my favorite places in the world. I was also able to visit the “Happiest Place on Earth” (aka Disneyland) while visiting some of my friends who live in Vegas. Although my extensive world traveling has yet to commence (unless going to Canada for high school band trips and visiting Mexico with some friends when I was little counts), I do hope to travel to a variety of places around the globe and get a few stamps in my passport one of these days.

Along with my travel bug, I was bitten many years ago with a love of reading. I enjoy many types of genres (ranging from YA novels to the classics like EM Forster novels). Fluffy romance novels are a fun break from reality as well. Currently, I am actually re-reading the Harry Potter series for fun, and have a large stack of other types of books on my nightstand to finish. Books are amazing, but then again, so are movies. I have over 200 movies in my own personal collection and they cover all kinds of genres and time periods! My dogs (Penny – Boxer and Cash – Golden Retriever) actually don't mind watching movies with me too.

Well, there's a short snippet about me, and I must say that I'm really looking forward to getting to know you over the course of this year. I think we'll all learn a lot from one another, and hopefully have some fun while we're at it.

Sincerely,

Ms. Walker