

Final Letter

At the beginning of the semester, I stated that my goal was to help you grow in four areas:

- As a reader
- As a writer
- As an arguer
- As a person

As we close out the class, please write me a final letter where you reflect on how you have changed in those four areas over the course of the semester and where you need to go next in the next semester.

The letter should be at least a page in standard letter-writing format and go whatever direction that makes sense to you. Letters will be given credit based on following the directions above and the key criteria listed below.

Please be specific.

I will be looking for specific details, stories, and examples. This means instead of saying something like, “I learned to argue better,” I want you to point to a specific argument you made and break down how it works better and what it means for your evolution as an arguer.

Please be honest.

We all have things that we do well and need to improve on. The best letters will be those that honestly assess both. Honest assessment will set you up to build on those strengths and growth areas next semester.

Please go deep.

The best letters have fewer topics that go deeper rather than lots of topics hit at a surface level.