

Additional “10 Things” Letter Writing Activities

ADDITIONAL LETTER OPTIONS

In addition to or in lieu of the “10 Things...” prompt, here are two “traditional” letter options that work well to start the year:

Option #1: Please introduce yourself, both as a person and student. Think about the following questions as you write. You do not need to answer them all but do try to expand on a few that you are most passionate about.

- What are some of your favorite books, movies, video games, sports teams, TV series, songs, movies, restaurants, animals, YouTube channels, etc.?
- What are some of your hobbies and interests outside of school?
- What are some of your short-term and/or long-term goals? What do you plan to do this year to achieve those goals? How can Dr. A support you in these efforts?
- What should Dr. A know about you in order to teach you best? In your opinion, what makes an effective teacher? Additionally, what would you like to read, write, learn, discuss, etc. in our class this year? Your ideas are welcomed and appreciated!
- How did last school year go for you? How are you feeling about this school year?
- Of course, the questions above are all suggestions. Feel free to make your letter unique!

Option #2: This letter is an opportunity to introduce yourself to Dr. Amato and share a little bit about who you are, so that I can best teach you this year.

- **Paragraph 1: Briefly introduce yourself.** Who are you? What are a few things that I should know about you? What are some of your hobbies/talents/interests? How would you describe yourself?
- **Paragraph 2: Reflect on middle school.** How would you describe middle school? What did you like/dislike about it? What went well? What didn't? What did you learn about yourself? What are you most proud of? Any regrets?
- **Paragraph 3: Share some of your goals/expectations for this year.** What are you looking forward to in high school? What are some of your short-term and/or long-term goals? Why are these goals important to you?
- **Paragraph 4: Describe your plan to achieve these goals.** How do you plan to make this year great? How can Dr. Amato help make this year great? What is your action plan? What potential challenges could prevent you from achieving your goals? Who can help you/keep you accountable? What questions do you have for Dr. Amato?
- **Paragraph 5: Conclusion.** Sum up your letter thoughtfully! Don't forget to sign your name at the bottom of the letter.