

QUARTER TWO LETTER

Our first quarter is already in the books, and I want to hear how it went. For the first assignment of the second quarter, please write me a roughly one-page letter covering the following topics:

- **How are you doing?** What have been the most interesting and exciting parts of your life this quarter? What accomplishments or goals have you reached since September? What aspirations and dreams do you have for the next quarter?
- **How are you doing with your writing?** How have you grown as a writer since the beginning of the course? What specific triumphs have you had? Where are you still struggling as a writer? What do you hope to learn about writing in the next quarter?
- **How are you doing with your reading?** What books have you read this fall? What books are next? How have you felt about the books covered in class? What were your favorites? Which ones did you not connect to as much?

In the letter, you do not need to answer every question and can feel free to organize the letter any way that you want. Also, I am definitely more interested in specifics than vague answers (for example, don't just say, "I'm a better writer." Instead say something like, "I realized that I used mostly short sentences, which made my writing choppy. In my narrative, I did a much better job of varying my sentences, which I think gave it a smoother feel!").

FIGURE 3.8 • A Letter Example