



Letters Home

Your English assignment is to write a letter in the voice of a person who has given service as a Canadian in times of war or conflict. Research the background of the conflict and the position of the letter writer so the content reflects the period and resonates as authentic. Consider, also, the relationship of the two people who are corresponding.

Wars/Conflicts

- World War I
- World War II
- Korean War
- Afghanistan
- UN Peacekeeping missions

Start by doing some background research on a specific conflict. Read some stories about the men & women, positions, and minority groups who participated (First Nations, Chinese, Japanese ectera) Then choose your real/fictitious person.

Some on-line sources include:

<http://www.thememoryproject.com/>

<http://www.cbc.ca/documentaries/doczone/wewillrememberthem/>

<http://www.spiritofcanada.com/veterans/memorabilia.php>

<http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng>

Tips to make your writing authentic:

Use a name that reflects the time; consider the formalities (etiquette/manners) which were common. Use references to places, people, events and everyday items/technical terms that would be part of their experience. Consider the purpose for your letter: how much information would you want to share, what would you miss & look forward to on your return. The tone should reflect the time.

Length: One page only (spacing can differ)

Font: 12 & Lucida Calligraphy

Additions: Submit correct Works Cited with letter (Minimum of 3 sources; one of which needs to be a book)

Other possible sources are websites (see above), videos, encyclopedias (World Book, Canadian Encyclopedia)

Due Date: