

REFLECTIVE END OF SEMESTER LETTER

MC Lit

In one page or so, reflect on your learning in this class this semester. Start with “Dear Mrs. C,” or “Dear Reader,” and consider your audience to be anyone you might share your learning with whether that’s just the teacher or a broader group of peers and/or parentals.

You might/should address the following kinds of questions:

- Mention the work you have completed this year.
- Why/how does it represent your best work? or how is it meaningful?
- What kind of progress have you made as a reader and writer this semester?
- Anything else to show how conscious you are of your own learning through this course.
 - What do you *know* now that you didn’t before?
 - What can you *do* now that you couldn’t before?
 - Have you changed in any way through this course? How?
 - Why does any of this matter?

Be confident, but acknowledge the faults you have or writing challenges you face. Honesty is good here, as you’re trying to “prove” that you are self-reflective and aware.

Think of the letter as a “formal conversation” – you are speaking to a teacher, not a friend, but it is not a formal “report” either. Give it some *personality*.

Please end the letter with either “Sincerely,” or “Best regards,” and your name at the bottom.

You don’t have to use a strict letter form with address headers and inside address at the top, but make it look neat and professional.

Spend some time on the letter: I do read them.

Build/Upload your letter in your Dropbox folder (that we already share), and name the doc something that makes sense – like LastnameReflectiveLetter.docx.

GRADE PITCH (Flip)

Visit the class Flip (flip.com – join code **rc101**) and find the topic GRADE PITCH – Fall 2023. Here, in less than 5 minutes pitch the grade you think you might get in this course. *Before* you do this— reread the letter you wrote reflecting on your learning & think back through the papers you wrote this semester. Also consider your engaged attendance (were you in class and on-task?), your participation as a member of book club groups (did you show up, share your thoughts, and participate in discussion?), your timeliness in getting drafts completed (were your drafts in Dropbox by original deadline?), your effort in making reading, and finding books you want to read, a priority in your life (did you expand your reading repertoire and carve out time to read just for you?), and your efforts at thinking more broadly in terms of how representation matters and diversity/inclusion are essential to the future of a better world?