

ELA.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Letter to Robbie Waisman

Survivor Bio:

Robbie Waisman was born in Skarzysko, Poland in 1931 to a very close-knit family. During the Holocaust his entire family was murdered except for his sister, Leah. Robbie survived different concentration camps as a slave labourer in ammunitions factories and was ultimately liberated from Buchenwald on April 11, 1945. Robbie came to Canada as a young man in one of the first boats of orphans. He lived in Saskatoon with his family for years, and now lives in Vancouver. Robbie only began to tell his personal story decades after his survival. He now has spoken to thousands of youth and adults around the world, and has engaged in poignant and meaningful conversations with Indigenous communities and Residential School Survivors

** See link on lprof.ca/tos.php for the full presentation March 15 2018 at Holy Family Cathedral.*

Assignment:

Write a letter to Robbie that is one page in length, not double spaced. You will do a rough copy, followed by a good copy. You will be evaluated on the format of your letter as well as the content. Make sure that your ideas are clear.

Here is what the format should be, although your letter should be longer.

Business Letter Format

Your Street Address
Your City, State Zip
Date

Heading

First and Last Name of the Person to whom you are writing
Their Street Address
City, ST Zip

Inside Address

Dear Mr./Ms. Full Name:

Salutation

Body

Body

You do not want to indent when you are using this format. This is the best format to use when you are writing a persuasive letter. You want to introduce yourself and the topic you are writing about to the reader. Remember that the first rule of writing is to know your audience. In a persuasive letter, you state your opinion or your feelings about something that is important to you after you have introduced yourself. You must sound as professional and passionate as possible. You do not want to belittle the reader or they will not finish reading your letter. Your letter needs to have the facts, reasons, and examples to support your position. Address issues that your reader may have in their argument. In a second paragraph, you must have solutions. Without solutions, you are only complaining. Offer assistance in solving the problem. Remind the reader where they can contact you.

Sincerely yours,
A. Student

Signature

CONTENT:

- 1) In the first paragraph you should introduce yourself and tell him a little bit about you
 - a) What grade you are in
 - b) Where you are from
 - c) Why are you writing to him (don't say because my teacher made me)
- 2) In the second paragraph you should talk about the presentation and his story. Minimum 5 complete sentences in which you try to be as specific as possible. Some ideas:
 - a) What surprised you the most
 - b) What was most interesting
 - c) What is something you never thought of before
 - d) What did you learn that you didn't know before
 - e) How did it affect the way you think of racism and other cultures
- 3) In the third paragraph you should ask any questions that you still have
- 4) In the final little paragraph you should say one sentence that summarizes why you thought the presentation was great or what you will remember most and then thank him for sharing his story and any other kind or supportive words that you would like to add.

2	3	4
	Format: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One page in length - Not double spaced - Four paragraphs long - Follows the business letter format (see image below) - Has the school or your personal address at the top - Letter says Dear Max, - You signed the letter in the correct location 	
	Content : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All required content is included - The message is meaningful and makes reference to specific details from the presentation - Word choice is varied and non repetitive 	
	Editing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There are no language mistakes that distract from the content of your letter. - It is clear that you revised your text and used a spell check. 	