

# Literary Letter

Your letter should include a greeting, closing, and signature. The body of your letter should be **three paragraphs, typed, and double-spaced. Use the mentor texts as examples.**

Dec. 18, 2017

Dear Ms. Cunningham,

## Paragraph 1 (Summary):

- Name the title, author, and genre of your book. Capitalize and underline the title.
- Give a **brief summary** of the book.
  - Remember: a summary is a **short description** that includes the main events of the book, characters involved, and few specific examples. It is not a retelling of every details in the chapter.
- This paragraph should be at least 5 **sentences**.

## Paragraph 2 (Character):

- Describe a major character. (Ally, Shay, Travis, Albert, Keisha, Jessica, or Mr. Daniels)
  - What kind of person is he/she? Describe him/her using specific examples from the book.
  - How was the character important in the book?
- Respond to **one** of the questions below using **text evidence** to support your answer.
  - What made the character act the way he/she did?
  - How did the character change throughout the book?
  - How does the main character compare to others in the book?
  - What do you wish the character would have done differently?
- This paragraph should be at least 5 **sentences**.

## Paragraph 3 (Analysis):

- Choose **one** of the following questions to use. Be sure to **restate the question in your answer. Cite text evidence from the book to support your answer.**
  - What is one **theme** the author conveys in the story? Explain its significance and support it with text evidence.
  - How does the author use **figurative language** to help the reader understand the story?
  - What **connections** did you have while reading? Explain a **deep connection** using text evidence.
  - Explain the **symbolism** in the novel. Choose one example (coins, butterfly, neon sign), explain the what it means, and how it is important to the story.
  - **Are words powerful?** Choose an example from the story to support your answer.
  - Is Ally a reliable narrator? Explain why or why not using text evidence.
- This paragraph should be at least 5 **sentences**.

Closing (Sincerely, Your student, etc.)

*Your Signature*

