

## Dear Mr. Stevenson...



### Writing a letter to Bryan Stevenson

In class, we have discussed white police brutality against people of color in the U.S. Keeping all the aspects you have learned in mind, please write a letter to Bryan Stevenson.

In your letter, you should...

...introduce yourself and **explain why** you are writing the letter.

...**outline** to Bryan Stevenson what you have learned about police brutality.

...**describe** your emotions while seeing the movie scene/ reading the text passage.

Does this kind of police brutality exist in Germany as well? If so, have you ever experienced police brutality yourself or do you know someone who has experienced it?

Your letter should be between **250 and 300 words** long. Please post your letter on the corresponding section on the *Conceptboard*.

(Link to *Conceptboard*: <https://app.conceptboard.com/board/9a6g-4Oes-kmzh-ea9e-admi>)



**Hint:** If you need to refresh our knowledge about police brutality in the U.S. before writing the letter, the results from our expert puzzle uploaded on the *Conceptboard* might get you started!

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**Hint:** You forgot how to write a polite letter? Refresh your knowledge with these 3 rules<sup>1</sup>:

**1. Be concise.**

- State the purpose of your letter in the first paragraph.
- Create a structure of your letter (e.g., *Introduction* (greeting, explanation of matter) – *Body* (taking up aspects you want to talk about) – *Ending* (saying goodbye, maybe asking a question to the addressee).
- Do not use special vocabulary or very long words, keep it short and on point.
- Consider: What is necessary information? What isn't?

**2. Use an appropriate tone.**

- Regard the way of greeting (Dear...) and the way of saying goodbye (With kind regards/ Best wishes/ etc.) to a person.
- Avoid slang or jargon, contractions (I'm, can't, isn't, ...) and vague words such as 'good' or 'nice'.
- Be polite and respectful.

**3. Proofread.**

- Once you have written your letter, please re-read it and check the grammar and spelling carefully (use a dictionary, if necessary).

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<sup>1</sup> Adapted from: [https://www.scribendi.com/academy/articles/how\\_to\\_write\\_a\\_formal\\_letter.en.html](https://www.scribendi.com/academy/articles/how_to_write_a_formal_letter.en.html) (consulted 23.09.2022).

