

Dear... A letter to my future self & Bucket List

For this assignment, you are to write a letter to your future self. I plan on holding onto these letters in a safe spot and returning them to you when you graduate.

The purpose of this assignment is:

1. To provide a record of your life and who you are now
2. To anchor in time your current views, attitudes, philosophy, and outlook
3. To explore your feelings and opinions about a variety of issues
4. To create a document that, years from now, will have significant value to you. The following topics are suggestions- Things you should consider writing about.

- **ME, NOW:** my hopes, fears, dreams, intentions, goals, problems, concerns, likes, dislikes, joys, frustrations; what I like about myself; what I don't like about myself; what I'm proud of; what I think about; what bothers me; who I am, etc.
- **MY WORLD:** a description of my home, bedroom, school, neighborhood, town; my favorite places to go; chores, allowance, pet(s), possessions, clothes, religion, current events.
- **FAVORITES** – books, music groups, movies, TV, etc.
- **WHAT I DO:** my hobbies, pastimes, sports, school activities, what I do with friends, favorite snacks and foods, chores, how I spend my weekends and vacations, special activities I do, organizations I belong to, etc.
- **PEOPLE IN MY LIFE:** my family, siblings, aunts & uncles, grandparents, friends, best friend(s), teachers, who I like, people I'd like to know better, people I admire and respect, important people in my life, people who annoy me, etc.
- **MY FUTURE:** predictions, what I want to do, my long range intentions, what I'm looking forward to; what I'm dreading; my goals, my hopes and fears for the world; summer vacation, high school, college, marriage, employment, etc. Use today's date for your letter.

Requirements:

- Your letter and bucket list is what you make of it. There is no assigned length, but I will tell you four years from now, you will be extremely disappointed in your 8th grade self for not putting effort into this assignment.
- You must put your address complete with zip code in the upper left hand corner of your letter so I can fill out an envelope for you and seal it.

- This can be handwritten or typed. Remember, if you are taking a picture of this to turn in, your picture needs to be clear or you will not be able to read your letter in four years. Instead of sitting while snapping a picture, stand up and take a picture directly above your pages.
- Bucket List - fill out all the things you would like to do in your life. Fill out as much as possible. Again, this assignment is what you put into it. If you put in very little effort now, you will just disappoint yourself later. If you want to add more to your list, add more.
- You can choose to use the provided Bucket List or make one of your own.