

Pen to Power

Writing Letters to AAPI Heroes



Receiving a letter is a personal acknowledgement that someone has been thinking of you, remembered you, or has given you something—and it's a gesture to be grateful for. Why not thank someone who has had a major impact on your life by writing them a letter?

Letter-Writing Kit

Supplies Included

- Stationery
- Decorated envelope by local creator Misha Gandhi
- Blank envelope to design (if you want to)
- Assorted stickers for decorating
- A stamp to mail the letter



See the [Pen to Power video on YouTube](#) by scanning the QR code with your mobile device. In the video, librarians talk about their personal AAPI heroes, the history behind Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month (AAPIHM), and how you can write your own letter to a public figure or personal hero. In the video, creator Misha Gandhi details how she decorates envelopes. We also have books on letter writing at the library. Be sure to check the library's social media during the month of May for more prompt ideas.

Sample Prompts

For people you admire but don't know personally (public figures):

- Think about someone who inspires you. Write a letter thanking them.
- What would you like to ask this person?
- Is there anything you would like to share with them?
- What do you like most about them?

For heroes you do know personally:

- A favorite memory I have of us is...
- Remember that time we...
- One thing that always reminds me of you is...
- I'm thinking about the first time we met, when...
- Thank you for being a part of my life, especially...
- Something I really want to share with you is...
- One thing I really value about you is...
- Something you do better than anyone else is...
- Something happened the other day that made me think of you...
- I wanted to send you this letter because...

Local Artist Profile: Misha Gandhi

Hello,

I'm Misha, a junior in high school. I really like art because it's super fun and inspiring to create. I don't have a favorite form of it because there are so many different ways and methods, but I know I love making art for others because of how impactful it can be on someone's life. For example, I love making creative cards for my friends because it makes me happy and also gives them a pick-me-up for the day.

It's also really important to share art because there are just so many forms of art to share that it can turn into a hobby or job or even relaxation for others, which is super positive. Sharing art can also teach the value of respecting and taking care of others because of the intentions you can pass on when giving someone something. To anyone reading this, I hope you are as creative as you can be because creativity lets your uniqueness shine and makes you YOU!



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