

Dear _____ Advice

When people are troubled and want advice, there are many outlets they can take to try to resolve their conflict. These can vary from simply getting your feelings out on paper or to a friend to going to counseling or therapy.

One of the most popular ways to seek advice is to ask others. Newspapers, magazines, and even the internet have advice columns or chat rooms where people are standing by to help you.

You have been reading a book on an adolescent concern. Now your job is to act as the character with the problem (or as a friend of the character with the problem) and write a letter asking for advice on how to deal with the problem you have (or how you can help out your friend). Be sure to include specific details and examples from your novel in your letter.

Remember, a good letter includes a reason for writing, specific details and examples of events and experiences, and an ending that will make the person want to write back to you. Your letter will first be graded, and then given to another student reading about the same concern to answer. If your concern is relevant to something in your life, you may adjust the details and send it to the school newspaper or another newspaper of your choice.

In your letter, make sure you:

1. Use proper letter format
2. State what problem you (or your friend) is dealing with
3. Include specific examples and support from your novel

The rubric on which you will be graded is below. Good luck!

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Conventions	Few or no grammatical or mechanical errors	Several grammatical or mechanical errors	Several grammatical or mechanical errors; obviously not proofread
Letter Format		Followed correctly; greeting, closing, indenting, etc.	Not followed correctly
	9	6	3
Content	Evident use of information from novel used throughout to generate question with support	Use of information from novel used somewhat to generate question with support	Little use of information from novel used to generate question with support