

**English I**  
**Persuasive Letter – The Tragedy of *Romeo and Juliet***

**As Romeo or Juliet, write a Persuasive Letter to your father, Lord Capulet or Montague. This letter should urge them to let you marry Romeo/Juliet.**

- Your letter should contain the following:
  - A clear thesis statement
  - At least 2 solid reasons that support your thesis (1 must be a logical appeal and 1 must be an emotional appeal)
- In addition, you will be required to address an envelope (provided by the teacher)-- addressed correctly to Lords Capulet and Montague at the following address:
  - Lords Capulet and Montague  
123 Hate-Me-Not Lane  
Verona, CA 92833
- Use this return address:
  - Your Name  
600 N. Lake Forest Drive  
McKinney, TX 75071

**Persuasive Paper Rubric**

**Introduction**

1. Includes a mature start that stays relevant to your prompt
2. Strong thesis statement provided
3. Your complete introduction offers a clear, focused position that insightfully defends or challenges the prompt

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**Body Paragraphs**

1. Strong topic sentence covers the content of the entire paragraph and supports the thesis.
2. Paragraph offers a strong assertion toward proving the thesis
3. Logical and Emotional appeals have been chosen and written effectively
4. Paragraph is well organized with effective transitions, and a strong sense of voice

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**Conclusion**

1. Includes a mature and insightful beginning to the closure of your paper.
2. Restates your thesis/position (challenging or defending your prompt)
3. Clearly sums up the argument and leaves your reader feeling satisfied with your ideas.

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**Envelope**

1. Addressed correctly to recipients
2. Addressed correctly from sender

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**Persuasive Letter Outline**

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Grade for Grand Total: \_\_\_\_\_

## Persuasive Letter Outline

Dear \_\_\_\_\_ : (Name of Recipient)

### Introduction:

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(Thesis) \_\_\_\_\_

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### Body Paragraph:

(Topic Sentence) \_\_\_\_\_

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(Rhetorical Device and Appeal [logical or emotional]) \_\_\_\_\_

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(Rhetorical Device and Appeal [logical or emotional]) \_\_\_\_\_

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(Counter-Argument) \_\_\_\_\_

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### Conclusion:

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Sincerely,

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\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)



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