



Letters to a President – Resources

[Letters to a President](#) is a writing competition for UK pupils, run by the American Studies programme at the University of Manchester from 21 January – 30 April 2021.

Letters to US Presidents

[The White House](#): How to write a letter to the President of the USA.

[Inside the White House: Letters to the President](#). This YouTube video refers to the Obama administration, but provides a very good overview of the logistics of the Communications Office in the White House

[99% Invisible Podcast](#) on how Obama read 10 letters from citizens every day – some nice YouTube clips

[US National Archives](#): Article on children's letters to US presidents

[The Atlantic](#): Outgoing presidents traditionally write a letter to their successor. This article reproduces five of these, from Reagan writing to George H.W. Bush, to Obama writing to Trump.

[Manchester Archives plus](#): Why is there a statue of Abraham Lincoln in Manchester? It all goes back to Manchester workers writing to Lincoln in 1962 during the Lancashire Cotton Famine. This article outlines the events surrounding it. An excerpt of the workers' address, published in the Manchester Guardian on 31 December 1862, can be seen [here](#).

Other letters

[Letters of Note Instagram](#) - Lists some highlights from Shaun Usher's [Letters of Note project](#), an online museum of the world's most interesting, entertaining and powerful letters.

Writing skills

[Writing from Home: Persuasive Writing](#) – This YouTube video produced by [New Writing North Young Writers](#) introduces some techniques on how to write persuasively and convincingly.

[BBC Bitesize](#) – How to persuade a reader (KS3)

[BBC Bitesize](#) – Literary Techniques: Persuasive Devices (KS4)

