

Writing Feedback

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Section 1:

#1 Strengths: Your opening establishes a clear position against the library demolition. You effectively communicate the emotional significance of the library as "the heart of our town."

Weakness: Ineffective tone → Your approach comes across as confrontational with phrases like "a mere shopping spree" and "medicocre idea." This undermines your persuasiveness by potentially alienating your audience rather than bringing them to your side.

Exemplar: *Dear Student Council, I am writing to express my grave concern regarding the proposed replacement of our community library with a shopping centre—a decision that would deprive our town of an irreplaceable educational resource.*

#2 Strengths: You highlight the library's importance for diverse community members, particularly emphasizing its value for those with limited financial resources. You mention multiple stakeholder groups affected by the potential loss.

Weakness: Lack of specific evidence → You make general claims about the library's importance without providing concrete statistics, expert opinions, or specific examples that would strengthen your argument.

Exemplar: *According to recent community surveys, over 70% of local students rely on our library's resources for academic research, whilst the British Library Association reports that public libraries save families an average of £280 annually on educational materials and entertainment.*

#3 Strengths: You create a compelling ethical dilemma for the council members by framing their decision as a choice between being "saviors" or "executioners." Your conclusion effectively returns to the emotional core of your argument.

Weakness: Missing counterargument → You don't acknowledge the potential benefits of the shopping centre or address why council members might support the demolition, which leaves your argument incomplete.

Exemplar: *While I understand the potential economic benefits a shopping centre might bring to our town, research from the Institute of Community Development suggests that libraries generate £5 in public value for every £1 invested—a long-term community return that far exceeds the temporary commercial gains of retail development.*

■ Your persuasive letter shows passion and commitment to saving the library. However, your argument would benefit significantly from specific evidence to back up your claims. Try including actual statistics about library usage in your community or research findings about the economic and social impact of libraries. Also, strengthen your case by acknowledging and refuting potential counterarguments in favour of the shopping centre. Your tone could be more formal and respectful while still conveying urgency. Remember that persuasion works best when you help your audience see the issue from multiple perspectives rather than presenting only one viewpoint. By addressing these aspects, you'll create a more balanced and convincing case for preserving the library.

Overall Score: 41/50

Section 2:

Dear Student Council,

I am writing to you to tell you why the demolition of our sacred library in order to make a ~~mere~~ [an unnecessary] shopping ~~space~~ [centre] is a ~~mediocre~~ [misguided] idea and will ~~do you only~~ [result in] loss and bankruptcy instead of gain. You may be thinking why you should listen to advice from a child but trust me it will come in handy in the future. Many people come to this library to learn and study for their upcoming exams and trust me they won't be happy to find out their only chance to get into their dream ~~highschool/university~~ [secondary school/university] is demolished. People also come to the library to ~~get away~~ [escape] from their situations at home and have a peaceful break at the library. This library isn't just a huge collection of books it stands as a hub of knowledge and peace and is the heart of our town.

#1

For many families, especially for families with limited financial resources, the library is a source of entertainment that doesn't ~~rely~~ [rely] on expensive technology like personal screens. ~~Its~~ [It's] also ~~crittically~~ [critically] crucial for students offering students ~~to expand knowledge and accel in acadimachly~~ [the opportunity to expand knowledge and excel academically]. Beyond students and families the library serves adults a quiet place to concentrate on work. Replacing the library would take a lot of thought and the idea of replacing it with a shopping ~~spree~~ [centre] isn't really smart.

#2

Every person needs a safe place to go for help or relax or just to have fun overall and our library is an example of such, so no wonder that such an establishment is an ~~irreplaceable~~ [irreplaceable] asset to students and citizens alike. Public libraries offer what most people do not have access to, offering chances for equality. In addition, the library is a community bond centre that bridges generations with their shared stories, workshops, and lectures. We preserve our community's spirit and identity by saving the library. What will remain of what our town stands for if we trade its heart for commercial gain? I ask that you overrule this decision and protect our sanctuary of knowledge. Will you become the savior who defended this light of knowledge, or will you be among the executioners who signed a death warrant for it? I hope that you will recognize the magnitude of what is at risk and take action to stop this decision and not disrupt our ~~towns~~ [town's] peace.

#3

Sincerely,

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