

# Writing Feedback

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## Section 1:

### #1 (First paragraph)

#### Strengths:

- Your opening establishes a clear purpose and introduces yourself effectively
- You position yourself as a student with a valid perspective

**Weakness:** Underdeveloped personal stake → While you mention the library is a "sanctuary," your personal connection lacks specific detail about how you use the library. The phrase "Like me, other people also treasure this library" is vague and misses an opportunity for persuasive impact.

**Exemplar:** *Dear Mr. Smith, As a student who visits Alton Library thrice weekly for my research projects and who has discovered countless literary treasures within its walls, I am writing with grave concern about the proposed shopping mall project that threatens this irreplaceable cultural institution.*

### #2 (Second paragraph)

#### Strengths:

- Good use of specific examples of library contents (stone carvings, manuscripts)
- Effective emotional appeal with "sacred haven" and "hearts are bound to break"

**Weakness:** Inconsistent capitalization and formatting → Your paragraph contains random capitalization ("Priceless Memoires," "From") which disrupts the formal tone. The question at the end also contradicts your argument by implying libraries get destroyed naturally.

**Exemplar:** *Alton Library houses priceless artefacts ranging from ancient stone carvings to rare manuscripts and first-edition books that simply cannot be relocated without risking their destruction. Each carefully preserved item represents our community's intellectual heritage—a heritage that would be callously erased by demolition.*

### #3 (Fourth paragraph)

#### Strengths:

- Good focus on the importance of books
- Attempts to include a rhetorical question

**Weakness:** Limited development of imagery → Your paragraph about books lacks vivid descriptive language and physical descriptions that would help Mr. Smith visualize what would be lost. The rhetorical question "Where are people going to read if there is no library?" offers a simplistic argument easily countered.

**Exemplar:** *Books transport readers beyond Kensington's boundaries to distant worlds and times. Each morning, elderly residents gather in the library's sun-dappled reading room, fingers tracing yellowed pages whilst children sprawl across the vibrant carpet of the children's section, their imaginations soaring with each turned page. Without our library, where will these multi-generational journeys of discovery continue?*

■ Your persuasive letter shows good basic structure and includes several persuasive techniques, but lacks the depth and richness needed for maximum impact. Your paragraphs would benefit from more specific examples of how the library serves the community. Additionally, your arguments could be strengthened by addressing potential counterarguments about alternative locations for books or digital alternatives. The emotive language could be more consistently applied throughout the letter rather than concentrated in certain sections. Also, incorporating more sensory details would help the reader visualize the library's importance. Your rhetorical questions need refinement to avoid simple yes/no answers. Try revising your letter to include more concrete details about the library's physical presence and its impact on specific community members.

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**Overall Score: 42/50**

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## Section 2:

Dear Mr. Smith,

I am writing to you to talk about the proposed new shopping mall project. As a student who values knowledge, the local library is a sanctuary for storing cultural and intellectual gems. Like me, other people also treasure this library, and if you decide to demolish the town's beloved library, many of us will be devastated. I would like you to reconsider moving the project to another ~~sight~~ [site], where no library will be destroyed, and this is why.

**#2** Alton Library holds ~~Priceless Memoires From~~ [priceless memoires. From] stone carvings, to manuscripts, to first edition books, our local library provides Kensington a variety of knowledge. If you demolish this sacred haven, all of these precious books, irreplaceable artifacts and prized letters will no longer have a home. Hundreds of hearts are bound to break, hearing the news of our library being demolished. What is the point of having a library when it will all get destroyed?

People learn new things from libraries~~From~~ [. From] discovering new theories, to finding new equations, to studying theorems, the library has immense potential power, providing tools for people to expand their knowledge. Learning is like opening new doors for people to get smarter. With libraries, their legacy will indefinitely last for decades to come. Do you ~~realise~~ [realise] that you are ruining generations of knowledge, if you build a new shopping centre here?

**#3** Books transport you to another world~~Books~~ [. Books] are a large component of libraries. All across Australia, children and adults indulge in reading. Whether it is a newspaper, or picture book, these prized books are crucial to us. Where are people going to read if there is no library?

**#1** In conclusion, I believe that if you decide to demolish our sacred library, many of our hearts will break, whether it is from no more books, not being able to experience learning anything new, or the significance of losing priceless memories. If you decide to build a new shopping mall, futures will be ruined, pathways will be destroyed, and lives will not be the same.

Sincerely,

Lily Moore

