

Dear (name removed for privacy),

Wow! It's been a great year. I've enjoyed having you in class. Creative Writing, Speech, Drama... They all seem to come natural to you. I don't know what you intend to do with the rest of your life, but I know that you'll always be able to entertain and create.

By the way, Merriam-Webster said I couldn't add "ym" to the dictionary. That's just not fair.

If you ever need to talk about anything and need an ear to listen, I'm available.

Sincerely,

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Dear (name removed for privacy),

I think the biggest thing I'll remember about you is how you speak your mind. I was very impressed with the score you gave me on my speech and your comments. Thank you for not being "teacher afraid" of speaking your mind.

I also love your Power Points. You've got a knack for making them. Mind if I call on you when I'm bogged down to make me some Power Points? I wouldn't do that to you, but you are that good with them.

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Dear (name removed for privacy),

It's getting close to the end of the year. On your suggestion, my wife and I are trying to find out how to petition for more home economics classes including cooking and sewing. I don't know how it will turn out, but thanks for giving us a reason to do so.

Make sure to remember me in your later years. I truly do want a copy of the first edition of the fashion magazine you become editor of. I look forward to reading your editorial. I still didn't accomplish most of my extra goals, like seeing Paris, but I did get to teach this year, and I couldn't have had any better students. Thanks for that.

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Dear (name removed for privacy),

This has been a great year for me. I met tons of interesting students and had a great 7th period to teach all year. You're part of that, and I thank you.

So, are poems still your favorite? Or do you like plays and short stories more now? Either way, I hope you have enjoyed the class as much as I have. You've been a wonderful student. You're very insightful. I think you not only have that "old soul" voice, but a mind to match it.

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Dear (name removed for privacy),

(name removed for privacy). What is there to say about (name removed for privacy) that takes less than a “million words?” You’ve been a very fun student to have around. You’re entertaining and smart. And you are also very to the point when answering questions. That’s a great quality.

I’ve enjoyed having you in class and reading your writing. As I said at the beginning of the year, you can tell a lot about a person by the way he/she writes, and I’ve learned a lot about you and the other students. You’re all great, and I’m proud to have had a hand in teaching you this year.

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Dear (name removed for privacy),

Dude, you're like really creative and stuff. Seriously though. I love your creativity. I love the things you've written and the things you've created, like those itty-bitty swords. You were a great addition to the class mid-year and I'm very proud to have met you.

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Dear (name removed for privacy),

I remember how shy you were about showing your writing to others. There is no need to be. You write beautifully. I've enjoyed reading everything you've written. I've also enjoyed having you in class. I know you weren't a big fan of getting in front of the class, but you did great when you did go up there. I'm proud to have been part of your learning experience this year.

I also tried listening to some Japanese music. It's been added to my growing list of music I like to listen to.

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Dear (name removed for privacy),

I've seen you often in the library. You love your fan fiction. I can understand that. I love writing it sometimes, although mine has been based on Star Wars and other such things. You've been a really quiet person who is willing to speak when called upon. I like that about you. I've enjoyed being a part of your class this year.

I hope you've learned the spelling skills you wanted to learn at the beginning of the year. I've noticed improvement among your writing. I'm quite proud of that as a matter of fact.

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Dear (name removed for privacy),

(name removed for privacy). The pirate. The Chuck. You've been a very entertaining student throughout the year. I've loved reading your writing. I also liked the speech on how to put together a drum. I never knew how much work went into a drum other than beating it with a stick.

It's been a wonderful ride, and the year is almost over for you. Make sure to focus on your work and keep those grades going up.

I've enjoyed having you in class.

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Dear (name removed for privacy),

What a year this has been. You've been great in class. My wife tells me you were quite the student when she subbed also. Thank you for that.

You know, I just realized, I never got to read your story about the three dogs that could talk. I still want to read that.

You mentioned confidence at the beginning of the year. You've exuded confidence since I've met you. You're always ready to do things when I ask you to and you're not scared to be in front of the class.

I've enjoyed having you in class.

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Dear (name removed for privacy),

You're an awesome student. I've watched you grow and become a very serious student, always putting your best effort into everything you do. It's been quite the pleasure.

And yes, I remember every presentation I've seen from you. I remember every performance also. And I remember every story I've read. You have quite the imagination. That's a great quality to have.

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Dear (name removed for privacy),

So, was I right? Did you learn a lot about writing during the class this year? I think so. I've seen it in your writing. You've constantly grown.

I still say that writing about emotions (remember my first letter to you?) is a great way to write. It's when you put those emotions into your writing that I really got into your stories and even your speeches.

It's been great having you in class. Now if you could just stop losing those sheets I hand you... Just kidding. Have a great rest of the year!

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Dear (name removed for privacy),

I haven't had you in class with me nearly as long as these other guys, but I have to say this: You are a great student. Your written work is really good. Your homework has been great.

I'm quite proud of what you have accomplished so far, and I look forward to what you'll accomplish throughout your life.

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Dear (name removed for privacy),

It's been great having you in class. I'm proud of how you've grown this year. You've done some amazing work. Your presentations were good and it was easy to tell you loved the material you were writing about: games, Wayan brother movies, etc.

I'm still looking for that script to "Little Man." If I find it, I'll send it your way.

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Dear (name removed for privacy),

So did you ever look into getting a book called *The Writer's Market*? That's the book I mentioned to you in my first letter to you about getting your stuff published. Well, I've been enjoying reading your "diary" works. I've seen them in both Creative Writing and English III. They are quite good. If you do some basic revisions just to iron out some kinks, you probably could get published. There's a big market for young adult works in magazines.

You know, you made friends with me just by mentioning Terry Goodkind at the beginning of the year. But outside of that, you've been a great student. You're very outspoken and opinionated. It's been a joy.

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Dear (name removed for privacy),

You are a great student. I have enjoyed having you in class with me. I really love your drawing of the Easter play. I also loved your speech on peanut butter and jelly. Good luck on the rest of your school year. Thanks for being such a nice student.

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