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Letter to the Editor - Sample Letter

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To the Editor:

I like the comic section of the Bloomington News very much, but lately I have become upset with the comic strip "Street Smart." In the last few days, "Street Smart" has been making fun of homeless people.

I don't think being homeless is funny. In fact, it's a human rights violation. Article 25 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights says, "Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and of his family, including food, clothing, housing and medical care..."

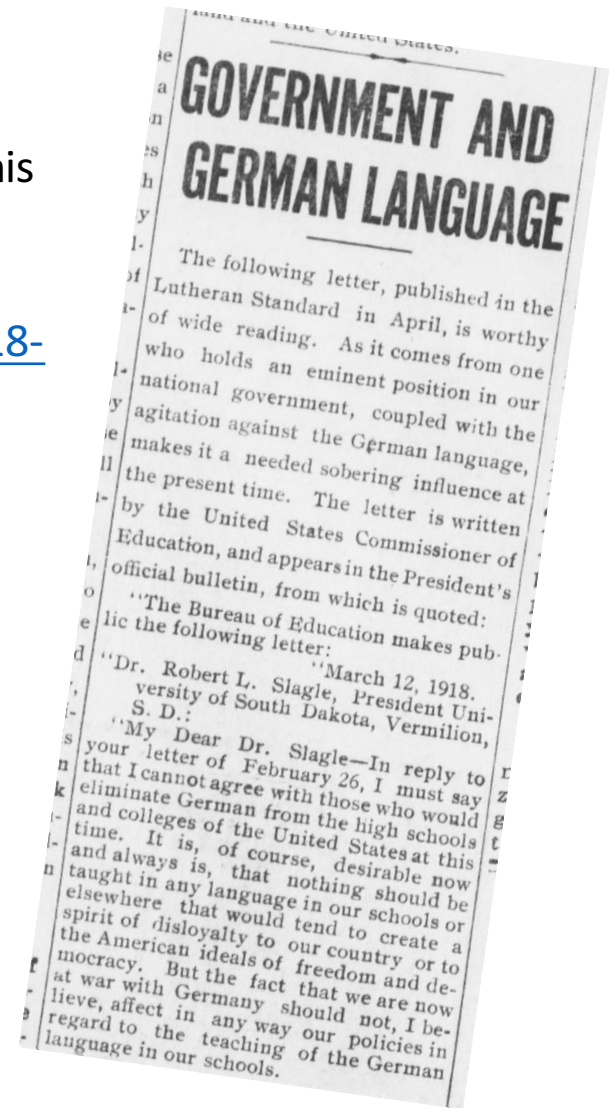
I think the cartoonist, Marcia Chapman, is very inconsiderate to make fun of homeless people. I don't find it the least bit amusing or entertaining. The problem of the homeless is serious and these people have a right to be helped.

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Letter to the Editor – Historical Example

Read an historical example of a Letter to the Editor in this article:

<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn88077067/1918-05-10/ed-1/seq-4/>



Letter to the Editor – Rough Draft Outline

1. Start with a historical date that fits the WWI period.
2. Next, provide a fitting greeting.
3. For your introductory paragraph, start by referencing the article (include the title and date it was written) that motivated you to write and briefly stating what that article argued. Next, express your feelings about that article and then clearly state your position on that same topic. This paragraph should be at least four sentences.
4. For your body paragraph, use relevant personal stories, evidence, or rationales to support the position you clearly stated in your introductory paragraph. This paragraph should be at least five sentences.
5. For your conclusion paragraph, clearly re-state your position first. Finally, propose a solution and encourage readers to act in accordance with this solution. This paragraph should be at least three sentences.
6. Finish with your historical name and address.

Letter to the Editor – Rough Draft Rubric

Excellent 3	Average 2	Below Average 1	Not Completed 0
References a specific article researched from the unit that serves as the motivation for writing the letter.			
Clearly states purpose of letter and overall position in the introductory paragraph. (X2)			
Body paragraph includes reasonable rationales, pertinent personal stories and/or quality evidence to support your opinions/arguments. (X2)			
Conclusion paragraph should re-state your position, include a proposed solution to the problem and finish with a sentence that also encourages action. (X2)			
The entire letter to the editor fits the time period, historical issues of the era, and how a German-American would have felt during WW. (X2) X2			
Letter to the Editor includes a historically accurate date to begin, a proper greeting and ends with name and address that fits the person you are representing. (X2)			
Thoroughly completes letter in at least twelve grammatically correct sentences. (X2)			
<p>Rough Draft Overall Comments:</p> <p>____/4 pts.</p> <p>Total Points</p> <p>____/40 pts</p>			

Additional Resources on German-American Experiences in WWI

Documentary about German Village in Columbus:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hrRgPFbEAKg>

Short Video Clip about German Village in Columbus:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GSfmSejfv8s&t=475s>

Short Video Clip about German Breweries in Columbus:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_xtThPybwkA

Anti-German Sentiments in Cincinnati:

<http://www.cincinnati.com/story/news/2017/03/11/anti-german-hysteria-city-during-wwi/98895422/>

Audio Recording about German Terrorist Cell:

<http://www.npr.org/2014/02/25/282439233/during-world-war-i-germany-unleashed-terrorist-cell-in-america>