

“Local Letters for Global Change” Writing Contest

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Deadline: Friday, November 16, 2018 at 11:59PM EST

Step 1: Brainstorm a list of current issues that concern you and your community.

Tip: Think about the news stories you follow, the issues you find yourself talking about with your friends and families, and the issues that you see impacting people you know and care about.

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Step 2: Explore the Pulitzer Center’s website to find global news stories about issues that you and your community think are important.

Tip 1: Use the issues you identified above to help you pick which story, or stories, to read. Take notes about at least one story using the table below.

1. News Article Headline:

2. Summary:

3. Most interesting details: (*List at least three facts/quotes from the article that stood out to you.*)

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Step 3: Pick one global news story to reference in your letter

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Tip: Think about what made you care about this story. Was it the issue? A person affected? Why might this story, and the issue it covers, matter to the people in your community?

1. What is the title of the story and who was the author?

2. How can you explain this story to someone in your community?

3. Why is this story, and the global issue it highlights, important to you and/or your community?

Step 4: Compose your letter and submit to the contest by Friday, November 16, 2018.

1. Identify a representative or senator who you would want to receive your letter.

2. Write a letter using a format like the one below:

Dear CONGRESSPERSON'S NAME,

I. Short summary of an issue affecting another part of the world, citing a Pulitzer Center news story (including the story's title and the name(s) of the journalist(s) who reported the story).

II. Explanation of why this issue is important to you and your community.

III. Suggestion of what action you would like your Congressperson to take on this issue.

Sincerely, YOUR NAME

3. Submit your letter using the Google Form found at pulitzercenter.org/lettercontest or by emailing it to hberk@pulitzercenter.org