

## Local Letters for Global Change: Letter-writing worksheet

Select a Pulitzer Center news story and use it to help explain a global issue, how it connects to your community, and what should be done about it. This worksheet will help you get started! Suggested stories are available at [www.pulitzercenter.org/localletters](http://www.pulitzercenter.org/localletters), and all eligible stories are available at [www.pulitzercenter.org/stories](http://www.pulitzercenter.org/stories).

**1. While you explore your story:** Take notes that will help you write your letter.

<b>Your Name</b>	
<b>Title of the Pulitzer Center news story you selected</b>	
<b>Journalists(s) who reported your story</b>	
<b>Publication / News outlet</b>	
<b>What global issue(s) does the story describe?</b>	
<b>Does the story share any solutions to the issue(s)? If so, describe them.</b>	
<b>What numbers, facts, or quotes stand out to you? Note these down.</b>	

2. After you explore your story: Write a letter to your representative using this template.

<b>Salutation (Dear _____) - include the name of your representative.</b>
<b>Short summary of a global issue, citing the Pulitzer Center news story you chose.</b>
<b>Explanation of how this issue connects to you and your community.</b>
<b>Suggestion of what action you would like your representative to take on this issue.</b>
<b>Closing and signature</b>

For instructions on how to enter your letter into the Pulitzer Center's fall 2021 Local Letters for Global Change contest, visit [www.pulitzercenter.org/localletters](http://www.pulitzercenter.org/localletters)! **Deadline:** November 13, 2021.

Questions? Email [hberk@pulitzercenter.org](mailto:hberk@pulitzercenter.org)

## Suggested News Stories:

Use one of these stories to write your letter, or search for one at [www.pulitzercenter.org/stories](http://www.pulitzercenter.org/stories).

### Stories for grades 3 and up:

- [How COVID Accelerated a Fight Against Food Deserts](#) [Text]
- [How Will History Museums Remember This Moment?](#) [Text]
- [Performing To an Empty Times Square](#) [Photo, Text]
- [To Fully Vaccinate Population, Ghana Faces Scarcity and a Troubled History](#) [Audio]
- [No 'Hands-On,' No Field Trips: Riverfront Museum Adapting to COVID-19 Realities](#) [Text]
- [Summer Heat Can Lead to Adverse Health Reactions for Residents Across D.C.](#) [Text]
- [With New Unions, Argentina's Domestic Workers Fight Their Way Out of Poverty and Insecurity in the COVID-19 Pandemic](#) [Text, Photo]
- [Children of the Incarcerated](#) [Text]

### Stories for grades 6 and up:

- [Moving Migrants: Inside Bangladesh's Climate Migration](#) [Video]
- [Why Immigrants Are Calling on New York to Cancel Rent](#) [Text]
- [On the Trail of the DRC's Ebola Outbreak: How Deforestation Can Cause Future Pandemics](#) [Text, Photo]
- [People in Parts of Myanmar Are Living Under the World's Longest Internet Shutdown. It's Putting Lives in Danger](#) [Text]
- ['Are We Not Humans?' Pakistan's Domestic Workers Confront Abuse.](#) [Text, Photo]
- ['Anti-LGBT Ideology Zones' Are Being Enacted In Polish Towns](#) [Video]
- [The Pandemic Plunged Millions of Latin Americans Into Poverty. Its Youth Are Inheriting the Consequences](#) [Text, Photo]
- [No More Saving Face: Empowering Asian-American Women to Seek Mental Health Treatment](#) [Text]
- [Police Misconduct Records Secret, Difficult to Access](#) [Text]
- [As World's Deltas Sink, Rising Seas Are Far from Only Culprit](#) [Text]
- ['They Are So Defiant and So Strong': Photojournalist Paula Bronstein on Documenting Women and Girls in Afghanistan](#) [Photo, Text]
- [Salmon Collapse Sends Alaskans on Lower Yukon Scrambling for Scarce Alternatives](#) [Text, Photo]
- [Cameroon: Large-Scale Logging Forces Indigenous Baka Out of the Forests](#) [Text]

### Stories for grades 9 and up:

- [How AI-Powered Tech Landed Man In Jail With Scant Evidence](#) [Text, Photo]
- [Rich Countries Cornered COVID-19 Vaccine Doses. Four Strategies to Right a 'Scandalous Inequity'](#) [Text]
- [Indian Affairs Promised To Reform Tribal Jails. We Found Death, Neglect And Disrepair](#) [Text, Audio, Photo] \*Content warning: neglect, substance abuse, attempted suicide
- [Inside the Desperate, Dangerous Scramble To Evacuate Kabul as Taliban Seize Control](#) [Video]
- ['Social Workers Aren't Always Available - I Am': Trans Activists in Tbilisi](#) [Text, Photo]  
\*Content warning: suicide attempt
- [Global Demand for Manganese Puts Kayapó Indigenous Land Under Pressure](#) [Text, Video]
- [Inequality's Deadly Toll: COVID-19, Farmworkers and the Erosion of Public Health](#) [Text, Photo]
- [Pills in the Post: How COVID Reopened the Abortion Wars](#) [Text]
- [Floyd Verdict Won't Remove Blocks to Police Accountability](#) [Text]
- [Chased And Jailed: No Rest And Much Danger For Asia's Young Revolutionaries](#) [Text]
- ['They Think Workers Are Like Dogs.' How Pork Plant Execs Sacrificed Safety for Profits.](#) [Text, Illustrations]

### Stories in Spanish:

- [Una empresa minera amenaza la vida del oso andino en Colombia](#) [Video, Photo, Text]
- [Immigrant Women at the Front of COVID-19 Resistance in Buenos Aires](#) [Photo, Text]
- [Migrant Farm Workers and the Families Who Get Left Behind](#) [Video]
- [Young Woman Fights for Forests and LGBT Rights in the Amazon](#) [Video]
- [El arte para protegerse del virus](#) [Photo, Text]
- [El vertido de petróleo y la triple pandemia que azota la Amazonia ecuatoriana](#) [Photo, Text]
- [Joane: acabar con el plástico y el fuego destructor es posible](#) [Video, Photo, Text]
- [Children, the 'Passport' of Migrants to Achieve the American Dream](#) [Text]