**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.

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

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

| **Salutation (Dear \_\_\_\_\_\_,) - include the name of your representative.** |
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| **Short summary of a global issue, citing the Pulitzer Center news story you chose.** |
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| **Explanation of how this issue connects to you and your community.** |
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| **Suggestion of what action you would like your representative to take on this issue.** |
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| **Closing and signature** |
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**3. Enter the contest!** For instructions on how to enter your letter into the Pulitzer Center’s 2022 Local Letters for Global Change contest, visit [www.pulitzercenter.org/localletters](http://www.pulitzercenter.org/localletters)!

**Deadline:** November 13, 2022. Questions? Email education@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:**

# [San Diego Pays a Lot for Abundant Water. Tijuana Pays a Different Price for Water Scarcity.](https://pulitzercenter.org/stories/san-diego-pays-lot-abundant-water-tijuana-pays-different-price-water-scarcity) [Photo, text]

# [How Will History Museums Remember This Moment?](https://pulitzercenter.org/stories/how-will-history-museums-remember-moment) [Text]

# [How Promotoras de Salud Are Fighting Vaccine Conspiracies in Chicago’s Latino Communities](https://pulitzercenter.org/stories/how-promotoras-de-salud-are-fighting-vaccine-conspiracies-chicagos-latino-communities) [Photo, text]

1. [Summer Heat Can Lead to Adverse Health Reactions for Residents Across D.C.](https://pulitzercenter.org/stories/summer-heat-can-lead-adverse-health-reactions-residents-across-dc) [Text]
2. [Children of the Incarcerated](https://pulitzercenter.org/stories/visiting-day) [Text]
3. [With New Unions, Argentina’s Domestic Workers Fight Their Way Out of Poverty and Insecurity in the COVID-19 Pandemic](https://pulitzercenter.org/stories/new-unions-argentinas-domestic-workers-fight-their-way-out-poverty-and-insecurity-covid-19) [Text, Photo]

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### **Stories for Grades 6 and up**

# [Who’s Watching? How Governments Used the Pandemic to Normalize Surveillance](https://pulitzercenter.org/stories/whos-watching-how-governments-used-pandemic-normalize-surveillance) [Photo, text]

# [‘I Count Myself as a Black Ukrainian’: the Fashion Designer Starting Again in Budapest — Video](https://pulitzercenter.org/stories/i-count-myself-black-ukrainian-fashion-designer-starting-again-budapest-video) [Video, photo, text]

# [Ensenada, Last in Line for Colorado River Water, Is Facing the Worst of the West’s Drought](https://pulitzercenter.org/stories/ensenada-last-line-colorado-river-water-facing-worst-wests-drought) [Photo, text]

# [Tens of Thousands of Boys in Bangladesh Were Forced into Work During the Pandemic. Now School Is Resuming Without Them.](https://pulitzercenter.org/stories/tens-thousands-boys-bangladesh-were-forced-work-during-pandemic-now-school-resuming-without) [Photo, text]

# [‘We Must Not Show ... Fear’: Colombia’s Children Learn To Defend Their Way of Life](https://pulitzercenter.org/stories/we-must-not-show-fear-colombias-children-learn-defend-their-way-life) [Photo, text]

# [How Thailand Pushes Myanmar Migrants Into Modern Slavery](https://pulitzercenter.org/stories/how-thailand-pushes-myanmar-migrants-modern-slavery) [Video, photo, text]

# [Do You Live Close Enough to a Small U.S. Airport To Have Lead Exposure? Check Our Maps](https://pulitzercenter.org/stories/do-you-live-close-enough-small-us-airport-have-lead-exposure-check-our-maps) [Text, interactive map]

# [Brazil’s Invisible Victims of State Violence](https://pulitzercenter.org/stories/brazils-invisible-victims-state-violence) [Photo, text] \*Content warning: Police violence

# [‘Chased From Every Side’: Sumatran Elephants Pinned Down by Forest Loss](https://pulitzercenter.org/stories/chased-every-side-sumatran-elephants-pinned-down-forest-loss) [Photo, text]

# [Emotionally Complex Lives of Rohingya Girls in the U.S.](https://pulitzercenter.org/stories/emotionally-complex-lives-rohingya-girls-us) [Photo, text]

# [How COVID Accelerated a Fight Against Food Deserts](https://pulitzercenter.org/stories/how-covid-accelerated-fight-against-food-deserts) [Photo, text]

1. [Tech Giants Made a Home in Ghana. Now They’re Quiet on Its Anti-LGBTQ+ Bill.](https://pulitzercenter.org/stories/tech-giants-made-home-ghana-now-theyre-quiet-its-anti-lgbtq-bill) [Text[
2. [Why Immigrants Are Calling on New York to Cancel Rent](https://pulitzercenter.org/stories/why-immigrants-are-calling-new-york-cancel-rent) [Text]
3. [No More Saving Face: Empowering Asian-American Women to Seek Mental Health Treatment](https://pulitzercenter.org/pt-br/node/14118) [Text]

### **Stories for Grades 9 and up**

# [Volunteer Networks in Mexico Aid At-home Abortions Without Involving Doctors or Clinics. They’re Coming to Texas.](https://pulitzercenter.org/stories/volunteer-networks-mexico-aid-home-abortions-without-involving-doctors-or-clinics-theyre) [Video, photo, text]

# [The Radical Plan for Vaccine Equity](https://pulitzercenter.org/stories/radical-plan-vaccine-equity) [Audio, photo, text]

# [‘The Talk’: These Teens From Rural Utah Are Filling ‘The Gaps’ in Sex Ed](https://pulitzercenter.org/stories/talk-these-teens-rural-utah-are-filling-gaps-sex-ed) [Video, photo, text]

*\*Content notes: Descriptions of sexual assault.*

# [How Americans’ Appetite for Leather in Luxury SUVs Worsens Amazon Deforestation](https://pulitzercenter.org/stories/how-americans-appetite-leather-luxury-suvs-worsens-amazon-deforestation) [Photo, text]

# [Rough Roads: The Exploitation of Filipino Truck Drivers in Europe](https://pulitzercenter.org/stories/rough-roads-exploitation-filipino-truck-drivers-europe) [Photo, text]

# [14 Million Afghans Need Food Assistance To Survive, but Most Foreign Aid Remains Frozen](https://pulitzercenter.org/stories/14-million-afghans-need-food-assistance-survive-most-foreign-aid-remains-frozen) [Video, text] *Content notes: Images of child hunger.*

# [An African Oil Pipeline Exposes the West’s Climate Change Hypocrisy](https://pulitzercenter.org/stories/african-oil-pipeline-exposes-wests-climate-change-hypocrisy) [Photo, text]

# [Ukrainian Children Who Fled To Europe Struggle With Trauma](https://pulitzercenter.org/stories/ukrainian-children-who-fled-europe-struggle-trauma) [Video, text] *Content notes: Discussion of suicidal thoughts.*

# [Tracked and Traced: Safety vs. Surveillance in Dearborn Public Schools](https://pulitzercenter.org/stories/tracked-and-traced-safety-vs-surveillance-dearborn-public-schools) [Audio, text] *\*Content notes: Discussion of school shootings*

# ['Leave No Tigrayan': In Ethiopia, An Ethnicity Is Erased](https://pulitzercenter.org/stories/leave-no-tigrayan-ethiopia-ethnicity-erased) [Photo, text] *Content notes: Descriptions of sexual violence and ethnic cleansing.*

# [Kashmir’s Tribal Women Suffer Very Poor Menstrual Health. What’s To Blame?](https://pulitzercenter.org/stories/kashmirs-tribal-women-suffer-very-poor-menstrual-health-whats-blame) [Photo, text]

1. [‘Social Workers Aren’t Always Available – I Am’: Trans Activists in Tbilisi](https://pulitzercenter.org/stories/social-workers-arent-always-available-i-am-trans-activists-tbilisi) [Text, Photo] *\*Content notes: Discussion of a suicide attempt.*

# [The High Human Cost of America’s Sugar Habit](https://pulitzercenter.org/stories/high-human-cost-americas-sugar-habit) [Photo, text]

# [They Were Born After U.S.-Led Forces Invaded Iraq. Now They Face a Bleak Future](https://pulitzercenter.org/stories/they-were-born-after-us-led-forces-invaded-iraq-now-they-face-bleak-future) [Photo, text]