Additional Letter Prompts

DearTomorrow is a climate storytelling project where people write climate messages to loved ones living in the future. Messages are shared now at deartomorrow.org and through media, social, community events, and public art to inspire deep thinking and bold action on climate.

We ask all participants to use the main writing prompt to reflect on their letter and to dedicate their letter to someone they love living in the future—their child, grandchild, niece/nephew, friend, future self, future child, future generations, etc. We also offer participants the option to use the “Help Writing a Message” worksheet and have included a list of sub-themes to help organizers guide participants in the writing process.

Main Prompt

Think of a person important in your life - your child, a friend, a family member, or your future self. Imagine it is 2050 and they receive a message from you written today. Your message shares your thoughts about climate change and your promise to take action to ensure they have a safe and healthy world.

Write that letter today. We will share your letter now and preserve your letter for the future.

Sub-themes

Partners designing curriculum or training materials may consider offering some sub-themes to help guide their participants through the writing process. Below are some examples of what participants might consider writing about. These are solely for generating ideas as participants should be free to write about what ideas and messages they most want to share in their own voice and in their community.

TAKING ACTION ON CLIMATE

We know that there are so many great stories out there about people engaging in climate action in their homes and their communities. Write about the great work that you are doing, what motivates you to do this work, and how the work you are doing will positively impact your loved one’s future?
FEELING THE IMPACTS

Tell us your story about how your family or your community has been impacted by climate change, extreme weather events, or pollution. Tell your loved ones how the effects have impacted your thinking on climate change and the need for building a clean energy future.

EXPLORING CLIMATE CHANGE

We know that learning about climate change is a process. Describe what you have learned and what questions you have. What do you commit to doing to learn more about the issue? How can you take greater action in your own home and in your community?

BESTOWING WHAT WE HOLD DEAR

The climate emergency threatens some of the places and experiences that are most important to us. Describe something or someplace that you love that you want to share with your loved ones. What will you do to protect it?

IMAGINING A CLEAN FUTURE

It is hard to know exactly what kinds of technologies will be invented and policies will be passed that will mitigate climate change. But we can begin to imagine what we want the world to look like and what values we want for 2050. Describe this world and the values it holds, then tell your loved one what you will do to help create this vision.