



# Genre: Open letter

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# What is an open letter

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An open letter is usually a letter that is addressed to a specific person or group, it is often critical and is meant for publication.

The purpose of an open letter is to start a wider dialogue around an issue. With the attempt to focus broad attention to the letter's recipient, prompting them to take action against whatever issue.

# Traits of an open letter

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- Allows writer to specific but general audience
- More formal in tone
- Usually published in newspaper or magazine
- Usually used as a protest against something

# Examples

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- Martin Luther King Jr “letter from Bermingham Jail”
- Siegfried Sassoon “A soldiers Declaration”