

# *OPEN LETTER*

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# *Analyzing Martin Luther King Jr. Piece*

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One of America's famous piece was an open letter. The piece is from Martin Luther King Jr. and its called *Letter From Birmingham Jail*. We can use this piece to see how he was able to impact so many people with only writing to one person.

Before we get into steps in how we can follow the steps he laid out to make an effective Open Letter, here are some trait to keep in mind

- Have specific audience
- Letter format. Greeting, signing off, etc.
- Always write from your point of view. Like you are telling the audience your problem.

# *Steps to make an effective Open Letter.*

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- 1) Introduce purpose of letter and a specific audience.
- 2) Introduce the problem(s).
- 3) List bad things that are happening because of the problem.
- 4) List why current efforts to fix the problem have not worked.
- 5) State personal experiences. Whether it will be your own and/or someone else's.
- 6) State the goal. What is the solution you are trying to propose to fix the problem
- 7) Conclude