An Open Letter To Open Letters: What is going on?

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Now, What is an open letter?

"An open letter is a letter that is published in a newspaper or magazine. It is addressed to a particular person but is intended for the general reader, usually in order to protest or give an opinion about something. As its name suggests, open letters are intended to be read by a wide audience rather than a single person."
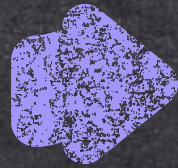
Essentially, its a letter that is intended for a wide audience, that either protests or gives an opinion. That letter can be interpreted in many different ways which can give you lots of room and leeway to work with.
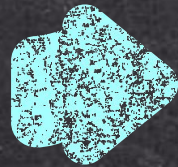
Here is where you add your talking points.

Why would you ever want to do this to yourself?

How would you even begin to start doing this?

How could I ever even start presenting this towards and audience?

Why would you ever want to do this?

Because of Its Benefits

Open letters are like essays, but less restrictive. They have a lot of wiggle room about what you want to write and what you want to do. The letter is always about your opinion, in a more personal manner that can be easier to grasp.

Open letters can allow you to portray your point with a flare and creativity, that essays sometimes cannot grant you by themselves. Letters also have many references that you can pull from. Open letters, once you get past formatting are pretty straight forward from there.

Overall, open letters can be good to do, since the genre can pull from what students already know, and there is a lot of information on how to start in the first place. .

How would you even begin to start doing this?

Templates:
https://www.aoifesnotes.com/leaving-cert/ordinary-level/Paper-One/docs/comprehension-question-b/Open%20Letter%20-%20Slideshow%20-%202022%20LC%20Question.pdf

https://teensmeanbusiness.com/how-to-write-an-open-letter-a-comprehensive-guide/

Here is some things that In looking for in terms of writing for this letter, letter templates by themselves can often be confusing, so tis best to make sure you have everything in order.