

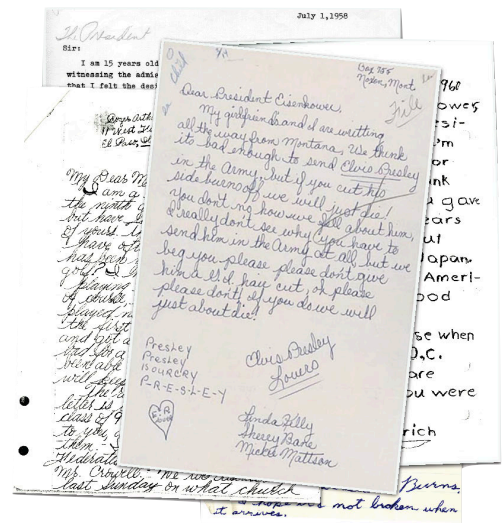
# Dear Mr. President Teacher Materials

Dear Teacher,

Thank you for participating in IKEducation's civics education lesson, Dear Mr. President!

This packet includes copies of actual letters sent to President Eisenhower. Copies can be made for students to use during the program. We will be analyzing them and discussing the students' ideas.

If you are interested in having your students write letters to the president, follow the enclosed guidelines from [www.whitehouse.gov](http://www.whitehouse.gov). Many of our previous participants have received responses from the White House — please let us know if your students receive a response as well!



Thank you again for allowing us to teach your students today! Please let us know how we can continue to be a resource for you and your classroom.

Sincerely,  
The IKEducation Team  
Eisenhower Foundation



# HOW YOU CAN WRITE OR CALL THE WHITE HOUSE

## Call the White House

### PHONE NUMBERS

Comments: 202-456-1111

Switchboard: 202-456-1414

### TTY/TTD

Comments: 202-456-6213

## Send a letter to the White House

Here are a few simple things you can do to make sure your correspondence gets to the White House as quickly as possible.

- If possible, [email us](#)! This is the fastest way to reach the White House.
- If you write a letter, please consider typing it on an 8 1/2 by 11 inch sheet of paper.
- If you hand-write your letter, please write as neatly as possible with an ink pen.
- Include your return address on your letter as well as on your envelope. If you have an email address, please share it with us too.
- And finally, please be sure to write on the outside of your mailing envelope the complete address for the White House to make sure your letter gets to us as quickly and directly as possible:

The White House

1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

Washington, DC 20500



## Sending Gifts

The President and the First Lady strongly encourage all Americans to consider making contributions to their favorite charities in lieu of gifts to the First Family. And, please note, the White House is unable to accept cash, checks, bonds, gift certificates, foreign currency, or other monetary equivalents.

For security reasons, please do not send perishable gifts — such as food, liquids, or flowers — to the White House. Additionally, the delivery of items sent to the White House is often significantly delayed, and enclosed items may be damaged during the security screening process. Because of this, items of personal importance, such as family photographs, should not be sent and cannot be returned.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Dear Mr. President



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date

Dear Mr. President,

[illegible]

signature





1016 North Custer  
March 8, 1959  
Wichita 12, Kansas

Dear Mr. President,

I am Phyllis Anne Barnes  
and I am in the fourth grade  
at Jessie Hunter Black School.

I have heard lots of people  
complain about our country  
and government. So I am writing  
this to tell you how much I  
love my country. I like the  
beautiful mountains, streams,  
parks, lakes of Minnesota, big  
trees in Yosemite, grand canyon,  
Indians of New Mexico and  
Arizona, the wide open prairies  
of my own home state of Kansas.  
I also like the smooth wide  
highways that are taxes helped  
pay for. And it is because of  
this we pay taxes. So at our  
house we do not mind paying  
taxes. And I also like the  
privilege of choosing my own  
Sunday School, friends, pets,



to shows, food and clothes. It sure makes me feel good inside when I hear the Star Spangled Banner, and when I hear you talk. I can hardly wait to see our new flag. It sure does make me feel safe when I see the big bombers go over our house. I pray at night that we never have to use them.

I think you are a very nice President. My daddy said that any one that wanted to could write to the President so I am, to thank you for what you are doing for us.

Sincerely yours,  
Phyllis Anne Barnes



Dear Mr. President,

I am Phyllis Anne Barnes and I am in the fourth grade at Jessie Hunter Black School.

I have heard lots of people complain about our country and government. So I am writing this to tell you how much I love my country. I like the beautiful mountains, streams, parks, lakes of Minnesota, big trees in Yosemite, grand canyon, Indians of New Mexico and Arizona, the wide open praries of my own home state of Kansas. I also like the smooth wide highways that our taxes helped pay for. And it is because of this we pay taxes. So at our house we do not mind paying taxes. And I also like the privilege of choosing my own Sunday School, friends, pets, tv shows, food and clothes. It sure makes me feel good inside when I hear the Star Spangled Banner, and when I hear you talk. I can hardly wait to see our new flag. It sure does make me feel safe when I see the big bombers go over our house. I pray at night that we never have to use them.

I think you are a very nice President. My daddy said that any one that wanted to could write to the President so I am, to thank you for what you are doing for us.



Sincerely yours,

Phyllis Anne Barnes

6-11  
DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,  
OUR SCHOOL IS OUT. I got a  
PERFECT REPORT. I WANT TO THANK  
YOU FOR MY 2 POLIO SHOTS. Mother  
SAYS SHE TRUSTS YOU WITH A CAPITAL  
T. US 5 KIDS PRAY FOR YOU EVERY  
NIGHT. DONALD IS JUST 3 AND HE  
PUTS YOU IN WITH OUR DEAR BLACK  
SAMBO-CAT WHO IS LOST.  
I WILL BE 7 AUG. 12.  
A NAWFUL LOT OF FOLKS LOVE  
YOU.  
YOUR FRIEND  
LINDA HAY  
6/28/55  
OJB  
in 4th trial.  
(under 16)

Dear Mr. President,

Our school is out. I got a perfect report. I want to thank you for my 2 polio shots. Mother says she trusts you with a capital T. Us 5 kids pray for you every night. Donald is just 3 and he puts you in with our dear black Sambo-cat who is lost.

I will be 7 Aug. 12.

A nawful lot of folks love you.

Your friend  
Linda Hay



**MERRY XMAS**, Dec. 21, 1953  
Dear Mr. President,

I don't think  
it is fair to make  
children go to  
school all year.

The only fair way  
to decide if school  
should be all year  
is to have ~~between~~  
every child who  
goes to school in  
this country  
and the parents  
and teachers vote.

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Suppose you had  
school all year and  
every teacher did  
not like the idea  
and they quit. Then  
there would be  
nobody to teach  
us. The teachers  
and children  
should be with  
there family  
for 2 months.

Sincerely,  
Steven Levy

Dec. 21, 1958

Dear Mr. President,

I don't think it is fair to make children go to school all year. The only fair way to decide if school should be all year is to have every child who goes to school in this country and the parents and teachers vote.

Suppose you had school all year and every teacher did not like the idea and they quit. Then there would be nobody to teach us. The teachers and children should be with there family for 2 months.

Sincerely,  
Steven Levy