

PIRATE VOYAGE

LETTER OF INTENT

Note: Use Times New Roman or Palatino 12 point on ALL Pirate Voyage documents.

Paragraph 1: Describe your general topic (music, car repair, etc.), explain WHY you chose this topic, and what you expect to learn.

Paragraph 2: Include the specific topic on which your paper will focus, some of the ideas you hope to include, a person you hope to interview, and other possible sources.

Paragraph 3: Begin with a transitional sentence showing the relationship between your paper and your project. Then describe your project: what will it be, who's involved, potential cost, how you plan to pay for those costs if the amount is over \$50, potential time spent (minimum 15 hours), and how you intend to document your time. You must also explain what you will submit for your project grade. (This is usually an item or a presentation/performance.)

Paragraph 4: Explain your understanding of plagiarism and the repercussions of such an act. You may, ironically, copy this paragraph from the example. 😊

Paragraph 5: Explain your understanding of the importance of meeting deadlines and the consequences of turning in late work. Again, you may copy this paragraph.

Sign your name and obtain your parent/guardian signature indicating consent.

See attached sample letter for correct full body block style format. Take a good look at it – your letter should look A LOT like it! (As in, almost exactly.)

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December 20, 2013

Pirate Voyage Steering Committee
Adna High School
P.O. Box 148
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Dear Members of the Steering Committee:

I went to a play in Seattle several years ago, and at the edge of the stage, there was a man signing the performance. His interpretation of the play was so graceful and interesting that since then I've wanted to learn sign language. By learning American sign language, I will increase my ability to communicate with others, and I also hope to inspire younger students to become interested in this fascinating type of language.

I plan to research how humans acquire language. I don't know much about the topic yet, but I know that there is a lot of information in libraries and online. I am interested in learning how babies learn to communicate, and whether or not different languages are learned in different ways. I am going to interview private speech therapist, Sally Kelly.

After I've learned the basics of how humans acquire language, I plan to acquire a new language myself: American sign language. I am going to take lessons at Centralia College and practice regularly. These lessons will cost about \$85, and my parents will pay for them. I also plan to teach the children at Adna Elementary School how to sign the Pledge of Allegiance. I estimate that I will spend at least 50 hours on my project. I will document my time by getting a letter from my instructor and a teacher from AES and by keeping track of my practice hours. For my grade I will turn in my documentation and also sign a poem for the Steering Committee.

I understand what plagiarism is and the consequences of presenting other people's work as my own. If I am found guilty of plagiarism, I understand that I will not be permitted to graduate from Adna High School this year.

I also understand that each step of the Pirate Voyage must be completed on time. Because this work is required for English 12, I will use my time wisely, meet deadlines, and get help when necessary so I can graduate on time.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Temple
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Mike Temple