



Auxilium Education Coaching presents: Where in History

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Bringing it back old school... snail mail

Supplies- envelope, stamp, pencil or pen, colored pencils or markers, 8.5x11 piece of paper (optional: glue, scissors, printing capability)

1. What are ways to communicate?
 - a. Text
 - b. Email
 - c. Phone call
 - d. Instant message
 - e. FaceTime
 - f. iChat
 - g. Mail - I think this may be one of the last choices for kiddos in 2020 (lol)
2. Here are some questions to talk about with them:
 - a. What is a letter?
 - b. What is its purpose?
 - c. What are parts of a letter?
 - i. Date
 - ii. Salutation or Greeting
 - iii. Body: communicate your thoughts, ideas, questions
 - iv. Closing: shows it ended
 - v. Signature
 - d. Watch this link to give you and your kiddos insight into writing a letter. It will help answer the questions above. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y2d-0dlimgY>
 - e. This link has some printable sheets for children to better visually understand the parts of a letter. (They can cut a paste the printouts, which will give them a very good visual reminder of what the parts of a letter are.) <https://cdn.thisreadingmama.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/The-5-Parts-of-a-Friendly-Letter.pdf>
3. Address: Who and where in the world is this going? Who and where does it come from?
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tjsRuNz7-vY>
4. This is a good checklist to make sure everything is included in their letter.
<https://www.scholastic.com/content/dam/teachers/sponsored-content/USPS/Final-Project-Checklist.pdf>
5. Now have your kiddo pick someone to write a letter to.
 - a. Write a letter to someone important in your life
 - b. Ask them to write you back, getting mail is fun
 - c. Let's start pen pals!
 - d. Using the checklist in #4, make sure the letter is ready to send. Getting and writing mail is SO much fun, it encourages kids to write more, which is always a win!

Activity continuation:

1. For older kids - types of letters. For kids entering high school or college, this is an essential skill for them to have. These two sites have good explanations and examples of different types of letters and what format is proper.
 - a. <https://www.toppr.com/guides/english/writing/letter-writing/>
 - b. <https://www.thebalancecareers.com/types-of-letters-with-samples-2062558>
2. For younger children - this is a good time to talk with them about email
 - a. What it is?
 - b. Why it's used?
 - c. What their options are for communicating?

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