



Letters to Our Daughters

Accompanies video 6: Fin's poem for Ruby

Worksheet 4 - Beginning, middle and end (and summing up)

As you saw in video 6, the sonnet is a poetic form with a clear beginning, middle and end, followed by a summing up. This can be applied to anything you want to say.

Using the space below, make some notes about what you might say to your daughter at the beginning, middle and end of your letter to her.

Beginning

Here, you might want to say what you want to achieve with this letter, or the main subject or issue you are going to address. A strong beginning 'sets out its stall' with a bold statement.

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Middle

This is the main body of the letter and develops your theme. It could contain new information, arguments or perspectives on what you said at the Beginning, perhaps even subverting or contradicting it.

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End

The final section should contain your main message or conclusion, and what you want your daughter to take away from reading this letter.

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Summing up

*If the message of your letter can be summarised in a line or two, this is the place to do it!
If not, it can act like a little 'P.s.' - saying something not yet said, perhaps lightheartedly.*

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