

## Letters to Eleanor *Summative* Writing Assignment

During the Great Depression many people wrote letters to Eleanor Roosevelt in search of help. The authors of the letters were mostly children who were severely affected by the depression.

Read the following letters that were actually written to Eleanor during the Great Depression. While reading the letters put yourself "in the shoes" of those who wrote them. Also think about the following aspects of the authors of the letters:

<b>Letters Analysis Tasks</b>	<b>Letter 1:</b>	<b>Letter 2:</b>
Gender		
Age		
Race		
Religion		
Geographic Region		
Education Level		
Socioeconomic Status		
What are they asking for?		

After reading the letters, how did you feel? What would you have done if you were "in their shoes?" After reflecting on these questions you are going to write your own letter to Eleanor but putting yourself back to the 1930's in the midst of the Great Depression. Think how different your life would be and what would you do to make it through the depression.

## Summative Letter Rubric:

Written in letter format (1-2 pages in length) & handwritten: /5

Clearly demonstrates understanding of life during the Great Depression by:

- Contains THREE examples of effects of the depression by using 6 unit/content vocabulary terms and MUST include the following: /9
  - 1 political effect /2
  - 1 economic effects /2
  - 1 social effect /2
- Contains feelings and emotions to demonstrate the strain people felt during the Great Depression/shows struggle to survive the depression /5

Eleanor Summative Letter Grade /25

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