SAMPLE Unit 4 Letter Home Assignment

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**Unit 4 Assignment instructions**

Topic: For this Assignment, you will put yourself in the shoes of a newly arrived female immigrant who arrived in the United States between 1890 and 1920. You will write a letter home to loved ones regarding your experiences living in a tenement or apartment building in an urban area on the east or west coast (such as New York City or San Francisco) and working in a factory. You will determine the type of employment field in which you are working. For example: Are you working in a factory? Are working as a prostitute or domestic servant? Include specific details describing your employment experiences. For whichever type of employment you choose, describe your working conditions, pay scale, and hours. If you choose factory labor, also include the type of factory in which you are working.. In terms of living conditions, describe the living conditions in the tenement or apartment building.

Content:

In your letter home, identify the year of your letter (between 1890 and 1920), and your country of origin (i.e., Germany, Poland, China, Japan, etc.).

So, for example, if you – as “Mary” from Scotland – arrived in New York City on May 5, 1900, you will write a letter home to a loved one shortly after your arrival in the city.  Similarly, if you - as “Saori” from Japan - arrived in San Francisco on October 20, 1906, you will write a letter home to a loved one shortly after your arrival in the city.

* Include your thoughts about arriving in the United States, and your initial thoughts about the city in which you arrive. Do you miss home? How does city life in the United States compare to life in your country of origin?
* Address your experiences living in a tenement or apartment building in the city to which you have emigrated (such as New York City or San Francisco). Describe the living conditions.  Consider addressing topics such as the following: Do you have a roommate? Is the tenement or apartment overcrowded? Is there running water in your tenement or apartment? Is the tenement or apartment noisy?
* Address anti-immigrant sentiment between 1890 and 1920. Have you encountered resentment?
* Consider your work. Identify the type of employment; address the working conditions, supervisor treatment, work hours, pay, etc.

Letter Format:

Since this is a letter assignment, begin with a salutation and the letter date. So, for example, if Mary from Scotland is writing a letter to her mother on May 10, 1900, shortly after arriving in New York City, she may begin her letter with the salutation, “Dearest Mum”.

The body of the letter should include the items noted above in the content category, and you will want to close your letter with something such as “Sincerely, Mary,” or “Miss you, Mary,” or “Love Always, Mary”.

Word Count:

The Assignment should be at least 500 words, and should employ connections to the Unit 4 Reading material. You should follow the Unit 4 Assignment template in Course Documents.

APA formatting:

Connections to the Unit 4 Reading material are required for this Assignment. Be sure to include APA parenthetical citations and references; formatting for citations and reference entries should follow the APA 6th edition style guide, which is available under Content / Academic Tools via the APA Style Central link. You must also include one scholarly source retrieved from outside the classroom Reading material; include APA parenthetical citations and reference entries for this source, as well as any additional outside sources you opt to consult.

Submit the assignment to the Unit 4 Dropbox when it is complete.

**Assignment Tips:**

**Remember to include APA formatting (citations and references).**

**Your letter home should address the following:**

1. Begin with a greeting and address the individual(s) to whom you are writing your letter. Be sure to include year in which you are writing your letter (one year between 1890 and 1920)and indicate your country of origin.
2. Include your thoughts about arriving in the United States, and your initial thoughts about the city (on either the east or west coasts). Do you miss home? How does the urban area in which you live compare to life in your country of origin?

**The letter home should include the following living and working conditions descriptions:**

* Describe your experiences living in an apartment or apartment in an urban area. in New York City. What are the living conditions? Consider addressing topics such as the following: Do you have a roommate? Is the tenement or apartment overcrowded? Is there running water in your tenement or apartment? Is the tenement or apartment noisy?
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* Consider your work. Identify the type of employment; address the working conditions, supervisor treatment, work hours, pay, etc.

**Paragraphs:** Use paragraphs as part of your letter home Assignment.

**Word Count:** This Assignment should be at least 500 words.

**Citations and References:** The Unit 4 Assignment requires the incorporation of terminology and ideas from the Unit 4 reading material, as well as at least one additional scholarly source. As such, you must include citations in the Unit 4 letter Assignment and at least 2 reference entries on the references page of your Assignment.

**Checklist:**

**□ Did you address the time period of 1890 - 1920, and include your country of origin, your thoughts on the urban area in which you live, and your working and living conditions?**

**□ Did you include 500 words?** This letter should be 500 words. The word count does not include the title page and the references page.

**□ Did you include parenthetical citations?** This Assignment requires that you include connections to the course text and one additional scholarly source through citations and references. Follow the APA 6th edition style guide, available under Content / Academic Tools via the APA Style Central link, when formatting the letter, the citations, and the references included on the references page.

**□ Did you include a References page?** This letter requires you to reference your textbook and the Triangle Shirtwaist Fire Web source as your main sources. If you opt to use other credible sources that support your main points of discussion, these must be included in the references section (and cited in the Assignment).

**SAMPLE letter format**

January 20, 1912 (Include letter date)

Dear Mama and Papa: (Include salutation / greeting)

New York City is amazing! (Continue the rest of the letter here.)

All my love,

Brigitte

SAMPLE References

Dubois, E. C. & Dumenil, L. (2019). *Through Women's Eyes: An American History with Documents* (Fifth edition). Boston, MA: Bedford/St. Martins.