

# Letter To A Rising 6th Grader- Major Paper

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Due: \_\_\_\_\_

You will be writing a letter to a rising 6th grader. The purpose of your letter is to be honest with a 5th grader about what 6th grade and middle school is like. Your purpose is not to scare them, but to excite them and really give them a glimpse into what is to come for them. You may write in second person point of view, and address the reader. You may also write from your personal experience and use "I, me, my, we, us..."

Your letter will follow this format:

1st Paragraph- State your name, where you went to elementary school, where you go to middle school, facts about yourself (favorite things, hobbies, likes, dislikes), and how middle school/6th grade has gone for you so far

2nd Paragraph- Explain how middle school is different from elementary school

3rd Paragraph- Tell the reader about the successes you've achieved in middle school, explain to them how you've done this and how they might also be successful

4th Paragraph- Tell the reader some of the things you've struggled with in middle school; explain if/how you've overcome these challenges, and they might do the same

5th Paragraph- Tell the reader what you've really liked about middle school, and what they should be excited about

6th Paragraph- Wrap up your final thoughts

## Rubric

### Format

0			15
Student does not follow the format provided			Student follows the format provided

### Content

0	20	40	60
Student provides no info/student answers little to no questions	Student does not provide appropriate info/student answers few questions	Student makes effort to provide appropriate info/does not answer all questions/room for improvement	Student provides honest, appropriate info/answers all questions/goes above and beyond expectations

### Length

0			5
Student's letter is not 1 page in length			Student's letter is 1 page in length

Sparkle/Vocabulary Words: Student incorporates 10 sparkle words Each sparkle word is worth 2 points, maximum 20 points, PLEASE BOLD WORDS, OR YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE POINTS /20