

WORLD-CHANGING KIDS

Writing Letters for Reconciliation

Template for kids ages 7-13 and their families



Topic: Clean Water in all Indigenous Communities

“We have described for you a mountain, we have shown you the path to the top. We call upon you to do the climbing.”

- Justice Murray Sinclair

Step One:

- Date
- Contact Info
- Greeting

July 29, 2021

The Right Honourable
Prime Minister of Canada
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1P 5K9

Dear Prime Minister,

Step Two:
First Paragraph –
State your purpose
for writing the letter

I am writing to demand that your government take faster action on the water crisis that is facing so many Indigenous communities in Canada today.

I call on you to fulfill the promise you made in 2015, that your government would put an end to all long-term drinking water advisories on all First Nations reserves by March 2021.

Step Three: Second Paragraph – Add personal and relevant experience

Write a line or two about why clean drinking water in all Indigenous communities is important to you.
Some inspiration

Access to safe and clean tap water for drinking and bathing is an absolute necessity. It is appalling that so many Indigenous communities are not guaranteed this basic human right.

Canada has an obligation to act to eliminate discrimination and ensure adequate safe drinking water and sanitation for all Indigenous communities.

The lack of access to safe drinking water in Indigenous communities is a violation of Indigenous peoples' rights.

Step Four: Third Paragraph – Include clear requests

I urge your government to provide appropriate funds and resources to support the development of much-needed publicly delivered water infrastructure.

I urge your government to ensure adequate education and training for Indigenous communities to make decisions about the treatment of their own water, and support the training and certification of Indigenous water operators.

You must work with Indigenous peoples to invest in publicly funded and managed water and wastewater infrastructure and put an end to drinking water advisories in Indigenous communities for good.

Step Five:
Final Paragraph –
restate the reason
you are writing, ask
questions, request a
response

Decades of failure to ensure that all Indigenous communities have access to clean water has caused lasting damage to these communities. It is time for Canada to make water safe for everyone.

Will you commit to making this a priority? How will you ensure that you are moving faster to guarantee every Canadian has access to clean water?

Please respond with answers to these key questions.

Step Six:
Closing – include
your name and
address
at the end of the
letter.

Sincerely,

Signature

Name

Age

Street Address

City, Province Postal Code