

Letter from Timbuktu

Letter Frame

(Salutation)

Dear family,

I am so excited to be actually living in Timbuktu! All the things I've seen and done would amaze you. Let me share with you the culture of this great city and why you must come and live in wondrous Timbuktu!

(Body)

Paragraph I

The economy of Timbuktu is based on trade.

- ☆ Explain in detail Timbuktu's significance related to trade. What was traded? How was it traded? Why was it traded? Where did products go? Be sure to write a minimum of four sentences that provides details about Timbuktu's thriving economy! Use the information you found on-line at <http://www.mrdowling.com> and your textbook to assist you.

Paragraph II

The great Mansa Musa rules Timbuktu.

- ☆ Explain in detail Timbuktu's religious and educational significance. Be sure to include details on Mansa Musa and his involvement in expanding Mali's empire and the spread of Islam and higher learning. Use the information you found on-line at <http://geography.miningco.com> and your textbook (page 26) to assist you.

Paragraph III

You must all come and live with me in this remarkable city, Timbuktu! You're guaranteed success! Let me explain why.

- ☆ Provide details as to why a person coming to Timbuktu to live would have a good life during the reign of Mansa Musa. What does Timbuktu offer new residents? Why would anyone choose to live there? How do they live? Use the information you found on-line at <http://geography.miningco.com> and your textbook.

(Closing)

Paragraph IV

In closing, let me emphasize again the wonderful life you can live in Timbuktu. Its strong economy and emphasis on education and religion make it a wonderful place to raise a family. Come to Timbuktu and start living!

- ☆ You may write your own closing paragraph or use the model provided.

Fondly,

- ☆ You must be sure to use proper sentence structure. Develop sentences that are clear and use proper punctuation. Each sentence begins with a capitalized letter and ends with a punctuation mark!
- ☆ You must use proper letter format. Be sure to indent at the appropriate places.
- ☆ Capitalize proper nouns!
- ☆ Letters must be typed and double-spaced.
- ☆ Be creative! Age your letter by tea-staining it or use parchment paper! Feel free to include an illustration to enhance your letter. Do not download pictures from the Internet. Only add something that enhances your work!