

# Sample Draft Letters

## Mike's Letter

Dear Ms. S,

I have worked hard on my two pieces to make them better. But I think that my feature article is much better than my profile.

My introduction is the first big difference between the two pieces. The attention getter in my profile just wasn't as good as in my feature article. In my feature article the story is a little bit more detailed than in my profile. In my feature article I say, "As he grows closer, you start to panic. Your hands start shaking." This is showing that it gets into better detail. The attention getter goes even further than what is shown. And in my profile I said, "Imagine walking into a house that is totally engulfed in flames." This doesn't get into much detail and is short.

The thesis is also better in my feature article than in my profile because it fits better. I think it may fit better because we did that thing where we looked at all our topic sentences and saw if they fit our thesis. In my profile I wrote, "There are many reasons why being a firefighter is exciting for Tom Osborne and many reasons why it is not." This really only fits one or two paragraphs. But in my feature article I wrote, "There are hundreds of different fears that people have which makes them very common. And people have these fears at different levels." This thesis allowed me to write about all the things I had to and still fit.

The second big difference is the development in the two pieces. In my feature article I used a lot of stories. For example, the one about somebody being bit by a red widow or me scaring my mom. In my profile I didn't get much out of the person I interviewed. I used facts well in my feature article. I had a whole paragraph about how many people had phobias in the U.S. and in our class. I also used facts in the profile though. I used them when talking about the person's wages. In my feature article I also used a lot of examples. I had a whole paragraph about weird phobias. The whole paragraph was examples of different phobias. In my profile I didn't really use examples.

This is why I think I have written my feature article better than my profile.

Mike

## Nate's Letter

Dear Ms. S,

I really enjoyed doing this last paper. The fact I got to interview someone and write about one certain aspect of him or her made me feel like I was a writer or journalist for a newspaper.

I really like the order that I placed the events in. This time, unlike most of my other papers, I did not really do it in perfect timeline form. I think that it makes it a little more interesting to read.

At first my topic sentences really did not go along with the rest of my paragraphs. They were not specific enough. They were too general. Over all I think I did a really good job on my paper.

Nate