

PART A
 **Persuasive Letter** 
to Sir John A. MacDonald

You are to write a letter to the Prime Minister outlining your ***top three reasons*** why Canada should build a railroad. You should include how Canada will benefit from a transcontinental railway, how this can help with trade, sales of natural resources, as well as the social impact this will have on the country.

We will brainstorm ideas in class together as to why Canada needs a railroad connecting our country.

It is your task to choose your top three convincing arguments and include a strong introduction and conclusion.

Checklist

Introduction

I have included *three paragraphs* explaining how the railroad will benefit all Canadians

I have a brief conclusion

Signature

Date

I have edited my letter for errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation.

Rubric for Assessment:

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Conventions	Errors in spelling, grammar, punctuation and capitalization are non-existent .	Errors in spelling, grammar, punctuation and capitalization are minimal .	Errors in spelling, grammar, punctuation and capitalization are common .	Errors in spelling, grammar, punctuation and capitalization are frequent .
Content of letter	Student has included a strong introduction and included three reasons with great detail. Each argument was convincing and maintained focus on topic. All parts of the letter are included. This is a reflection of the student's best work.	Student has included an introduction as well as three convincing arguments. Each one is to the point, may include some detail.	Student has included an introduction, however, arguments are either not relevant, too short or do not relate to the topic. Student has put forth a satisfactory effort.	Student has many gaps in information, arguments incomplete or do not relate to the topic. Letter is either incomplete and is not a reflection of the students best work.