



STUDENT RESOURCE : LETTER TO A MAKER

Dear _____ *(choose a story from Magnificent Makers you are interested in and address letter to them)*

I have just been to an exhibition at the State Library of Queensland with my school for _____ *(what subject were you on excursion for?)*. I didn't know what to expect at an exhibition called *Magnificent Makers*, and then I learnt about **your** story.

I thought your story was _____ *(what was your first impression?)*. Before our excursion I knew _____ *(had you heard about this person or group, had you seen any of their ideas before?)* about you and your story.

The way you were inspired to _____ *(what was the maker trying to achieve?)* made me think you must have been a fairly _____ person *(what personal quality did this maker/group have that you find commendable?)*. The opportunity you saw to _____ *(what opportunity or problem did this maker see do you think?)* lead you to _____ *(what did they do about this opportunity or problem?)*.

I can see you faced many challenges working around the _____ area of Queensland *(where in Queensland?)* in the time of _____ *(what years were they working?)*. Challenges like: _____ *(did they have to rise above gender or racial stereotypes? Were materials, technologies or scientific research readily available to them?)*

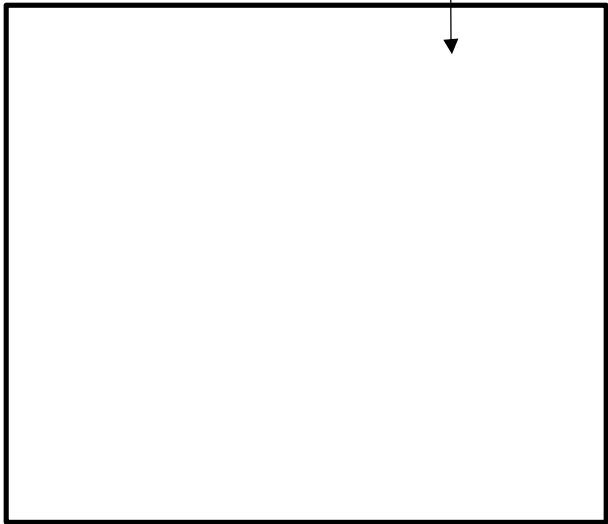
You tried to create a preferred future in your time by _____ *(What was their approach? Were they; risk takers/ trailblazers / entrepreneurs / researchers?)* and ultimately using imagination, creativity and curiosity.

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In 2018 we have technology, materials and knowledge at our fingertips. I think if you had the chance, you might like the challenge of _____ *(think of an opportunity in our lives this maker might see and take on now)*. It might look something like this:

(sketch a modern or futuristic interpretation of their ideas, them responding to a modern or futuristic challenge).



In conclusion, I want to say _____

(what would you say to this maker? Would you thank them or make a suggestion to them?)

Yours truly,

Year _____, _____ *(school name)*