

Letters to Mrs. Roosevelt

Part 1: Close read your letter, and then answer the questions below.

1. What is he/she requesting?
2. What is his/her situation currently?
3. What are some adjectives you can infer to describe him/her?
4. Why did he/she specifically write to Mrs. Roosevelt?

Part 2: Share your letter and thinking on it with others, the collectively answer the questions below.

1. What do all these letters have in common?
2. What can we infer about the relationship many Americans felt they had with the Roosevelts?
3. Do Americans have the same relationship with our current or recent presidents? Why or why not?
4. How would you handle all of these if you were Mrs. Roosevelt?

Part 3: Pick your photographed subject and brainstorm their story.

1. Which, out of all the photographs we have examined, pulls you in the strongest or you find the most moving? Explain why.
2. What has your day been like so far?
3. What are your hopes at this moment?
4. What are your fears at this moment?
5. What was your life like before the Great Depression?
6. What are your priorities at this moment?
7. What would you ask of Mrs. Roosevelt?