**The Human Body is very complex.  The Human Body, as a multicellular organism, is composed of several levels of organization that include *cells*, *tissues*, *organs* and *organ systems*.  Each smaller level combines together to make the next level.  *Cells* are the building blocks of all living things.  A *tissue* is a group of similar cells that perform the same function.  *Organs* are groups of different tissues with a specific function.  Finally, *organ systems* are groups of organs that work together to perform a specific job.  The Human Body is made up of many systems that work together to perform complex tasks on a daily basis.**

**You have been a long time employee of the *Human Body Corporation*.  You feel that your job is very important to the Human Body.  As an organ within the Human Body, you have been carrying out a specific task day in and day out in order to keep the Human Body functioning.  Due to recent budget cuts, the Human Body Corporation is considering having to fire workers.  You hope your job is not in jeopardy! You received the following letter yesterday:**

Ima Cell

Chief Executive Officer

Human Body Corporation

22 Artery Way

Lake Neuron, NS

Thursday November 19th, 2015

Dear Faithful Employee of the Human Body Corporation:

It is with sincere regret that I must inform you that your employment as an organ of the Human Body Corporation is on the verge of termination. Due to recent cost increases, the corporation’s financial manager is considering firing of one of the human body organs.

In order to decide which body organ will be eliminated, the Executive Board of the Human Body Corporation will allow the employees and managers to research the organ and present the results as a letter in business format similar to this one to the CEO and convince her of his/her importance to the body in keeping the Human Body Corporation running smoothly.

Good luck – the company’s future “health” depends on you!

Sincerely,

Ima Cell

CEO, Human Body Corporation

**Also use this format for your letter**

Your Name (real or fictitious)

Your Job (real or fictitious)

Human Body Corporation

22 Artery Way (or address of your choice)

Lake Neuron, NS (or address of your choice)

**You need to research your organ in order to prove its importance within the Human Body.  Then you will write a persuasive letter to the Human Body Corporation to convince them not to fire you.**

***A. Collecting Data***

**Use the Resource Section on our class page to research your organ.  Click on the links to help you answer the questions on your question sheet.**

<http://kidshealth.org/kid/htbw/htbw_main_page.html> Kids Health on Organs

***B. Organizing your information.***

**Answer the following 5 questions on your paper and include the information in your letter.**

**Question Sheet (to guide the content of your letter)**

**1. What is the name of your organ? Where in the body is it located?**

**2. What organ system/systems does your organ work with?**

**3. List other organs that you work with.**

**4.  List the functions of your organ (what does it do?/how does it help keep you alive each day?).**

**\*5. How would the Human Body be different if you were not there to carry out your functions?  (What would happen if this organ was missing?)**

 

\*This question should be the main focus of your letter

***C. Writing your letter.***  
**You will have to type your letter in a google docs**

**Please see the rubric for the requirements!**

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| **Writing Task**  **Write a PERSUASIVE letter to the Human Body Corporation to convince them not to fire your organ.  Your letter should be typed and in Business format.  Use resources from the class page for help with what this format should look like.**  **Be sure to include:**   1. **An opening paragraph stating what organ you are, your location, and what organ systems you are a part of.** 2. **At least 2 body paragraphs persuading the Human Body Corporation of your importance to the body (what would happen without you)** 3. **A closing paragraph restating your main arguments for rehire**   **\*Remember to include all of the information from the question sheet\*** |

**Visit any or all of the links on the class page resources and multimedia section to gather data about your organ**