



Classroom activities

From daughter to mother

Activity summary:

Read the letters to / from Mary Shelley and Mary Wollstonecraft. Write your own letter from daughter to mother.

Suggested groups: Y11-13

Resources:

Access to the letters in the exhibition.

Word-processing facilities or writing materials.

Learning Objectives:

- * Improve compositional skills
- * Develop understanding of epistolary genre.

AO and Syllabus links:

Respond to texts critically, sensitively and in detail, selecting appropriate ways to convey their response, using textual evidence as appropriate.

Relate texts to their social, cultural and historical contexts and literary traditions.

Read analyse and evaluate a range of texts.

Further information:

There are a number of letters in the exhibition and it may be worth comparing and contrasting the tone of each author depending on recipient, for example. Students may like to consider the proposal letters and any modern equivalents. Discussion could also focus on the differences between letter and email correspondence, and the changing functions of letters across time.

This would work as a homework exercise leading to class discussion.