

Dear Zombie Letter

- **Use proper letter formatting: a greeting, multiple body paragraphs, and a closing.**
- **Use the first paragraph to recognize and refute the zombie's arguments.**
- **Use the middle paragraphs to introduce your own reasons why zombies should not eat humans.**
- **Use the final paragraph to wrap up your arguments.**
- **Tone should be formal, length should be 4-5 paragraphs.**

Example letter:

Dear Bob,

I am sorry to hear that you're a zombie now- you were a valuable addition to our office staff. However, we are disinclined to acquiesce to your request. We recognize that death will one day come for us all, as you said, but in that day, we wish to greet death on our own terms, fighting until our last breath. Additionally, we currently have a team of engineers constructing an indoor vertical farm to extend our food sources, which you claimed were limited. With this in place, we'll be able to thrive for a considerable amount of time on salad. Finally, regarding your claim that I "never had the head for all that bigger picture stuff": you're right. Be that as it may, I am not alone inside this mall. The best and brightest from our

region have been working tirelessly to formulate a plan that will satisfy both the hunger of your horde and our desire to keep our brains in our skulls. Bob, you remember what salad tastes like. If we are willing to live on salad alone for months or even years, then you *know* that we will stop at nothing to find a solution.

On that note, we have several ideas we'd like to present to the undead community. First, have you ever investigated the benefits of a vegetarian lifestyle? Yes, seriously. I know that you might be concerned about not getting all of the nutrients that come from consuming human flesh, but consider this: brains make you fat. According to faculty from the University of Washington, the brain is nearly 30% fat. Instead of that messy, fatty meat, you could be getting your protein from vegetables like "peas, beans, lentils, chickpeas, seeds, nuts, soy products, and whole grains" (health.harvard.edu). People eating a vegetarian diet often report feeling slimmer and less lethargic than when they were eating meat: perhaps the reason you're moving so slowly is that your body is exhausted from digesting all that meat!

Since we recognize that the vegetarian life can be a hard sell, we have another recommendation which does not involve plants at all: animal brains. We humans eat so much meat, and we rarely even use the brains of the animals we consume. An arrangement could easily be made wherein the brains of the slaughtered livestock are distributed to the undead community. We are convinced that the members of the undead community still bear sympathy for their human counterparts, and that this would be highly preferable to the genocide of the human race.

Bob, the sooner that we reach an agreement, the sooner we can begin building a better world for all of us. You seem to think our situation is dire, but have you so quickly forgotten the indefatigable spirit of innovation inherent to humanity? We shall overcome. It is your choice whether we rise with you or against you.

Sincerely,
Tom
The Mall