

## Dear Mr. Or Madam President Answer Key

### Helpful Prompts (optional)

- What change would make the nation better?
- What problem affects kids today?
- What question do you wish a president could answer?
- What qualities do you admire in presidents?

### Evaluation Guidance

A strong response should include:

- A clear **greeting** and **closing**
- Respectful language and tone
- A **specific topic**, request, or question
- Complete sentences with clear ideas

(Teacher should check for understanding rather than correct/incorrect content.)

### Teacher's Guide

#### Differentiation Tips

- Provide sentence starters for younger writers
  - *"I am writing to you because..."*
  - *"One issue that is important to me is..."*
- Allow students to brainstorm issues in small groups first
- Offer vocabulary supports: **community, responsibility, fairness, improvement, leadership**

#### Engagement Ideas

- Set up a "White House Mailbox" display for finished letters
- Allow students to role-play "presidential responses"
- Encourage illustrations for Grades 3-4 (students draw the president or their idea)