

Turkey Persuasive Letter Outline

Imagine you are a turkey around Thanksgiving time. You live on a farm and you need to convince the farmer not to eat you for Thanksgiving dinner. Suggest an alternative meal, such as pizza or cheese burgers. Be creative! Complete the outline for your letter. Use the bolded words to begin your sentences.

[Greeting/Audience]

Give your farmer a name. **Dear Farmer** _____,

[Neutral Statement/Fact that cannot be Argued]

Remind the farmer that turkey is currently served for Thanksgiving dinner. **Currently,** _____

[Position/Proposal/Change]

Suggest a different food for the Thanksgiving meal. **I think/I feel** _____

[3 Reasons for your Position/Proposal/Change]

For your final draft, use linking words and phrases such as: **because, therefore, since, for example** to connect your ideas.

First,

Second/Next,

Third/Finally,

[Opposing View]

Think about how the farmer would respond. **You might be thinking**_____

[Your Response to the Opposing View]

Think about how you would respond to the farmer's opposing view. **That will not be a problem**

because_____

[Emotional Plea/Restate your position]

*Restate your alternative Thanksgiving meal idea. **Please consider***_____

[Closing]

Love/Sincerely _____,

[Your name]

Turkey_____

Dear Farmer Ray,

Currently, you and your family eat a turkey feast in celebration of Thanksgiving. **I think** you should consider having a vegetarian Thanksgiving dinner this year for several reasons.

First, cooking a turkey takes a lot of time. Think about all the extra time you could spend with your family if you didn't have to be cooking in the kitchen all day! **Second**, vegetables and grains are healthy and will give you long-lasting energy. **Finally**, eating turkey will make you feel sleepy and you will miss out on all the Thanksgiving fun when you are napping after dinner.

You are probably thinking that it is traditional to have turkey for Thanksgiving and you cannot break that tradition. **That will not be a problem because** you can still enjoy all the other traditional foods of Thanksgiving such as: warm pumpkin pie, tart cranberries, fresh potatoes, and creamy gravy.

Please consider having a vegetarian dinner instead of turkey for Thanksgiving this year. You won't regret it!

Love,

Turkey Jill