

**Chapter 7: Two-Spirit People and the Impact of Colonialism in California**  
**HANDOUT: Government Letter**

**Letter Project Directions**

Using the information you gathered from your assignments on the Californian Two-Spirit Indigenous people, you will be writing a letter to your local representative about the importance of honoring indigenous communities and two-spirit people.

1. Explain who two-spirit people are. If you can, name the two spirit people in your own community.
2. Make a claim where you argue how important it is to acknowledge the history and resistance of indigenous two-spirit people of the land where you live.
3. Give some examples of how two-spirit people experienced colonization.
4. Explain the ways that two spirit people thrive today.

**Sample:**

To Whom it May Concern,

"I am\_\_\_\_\_. I am writing this letter because\_\_\_\_\_.

I am writing to you to explain who two-spirit people are and ask you to acknowledge the history and resistance of indigenous two-spirit people in our community.

Everyone should acknowledge the importance of two-spirit people because\_\_\_\_\_."