Advice Letters

(10 points)

Think about all of the problems, big and small, the main character(s) ran into in the book. You will write two different letters to an advice column person (made up or otherwise) asking for advice about different problems encountered by the character(s) in the story. These letters may be from two different characters or just the main character. Not only will you need to write *asking* for advice, you will also need to *answer* those letters with some advice as if you are the person who writes the advice column.

Make sure your letters include the following

- Greeting (Dear ,)
- Name of the person to whom you are writing
- A <u>description</u> of the problem (this should take more than 2 sentences)
- Asking for advice about that problem
- Giving good advice from the advice-giver (at least 2-3 sentences)
- Closing (Sincerely; Thank you; Yours truly; etc.)
- Signature (your name)

Letters must be neatly written on loose-leaf paper or typed.

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Full points will be awarded if all 4 letters are written correctly and neatly. Points will be taken off as follows:

- -2½ points per letter missing letter
- 1-2 points for each letter less than 5 sentences long
- ½ point for each missing part per letter (from the bulleted points above)
- ½ -2 points for sloppiness per letter (If I can't read it, I can't grade it.)
- $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ point per improper punctuation, spelling, and grammar (each instance)

Example of
Letter Asking for Advice
and Letter of Advice

Dear Agnes,

I am a lover of pets, but I think my neighbours have gone too far. They have a pet snake named Lucille who keeps escaping and ends up in my garden. My neighbours are always very apologetic about Lucille's travels and so far, I haven't had the heart to confront them about it. The problem is that I am very friendly with them and we often get together for barbecues and garden parties. I don't want to ruin this friendship, but feel that a large snake making regular visits to my garden is pushing

Confused in Croydon

the limits. Help!

Dear Confused.

Friends shouldn't put friends in difficult positions. Lucille's visits to your garden are obviously causing you a lot of stress and should be dealt with sooner rather than later. This is also a health and safety issue, which your neighbours should be more than aware of as owners of a large snake. I suggest you broach the subject with them next time you get together. Lucille is also at risk from any number of potential dangers in your garden, a point you could bring up with your neighbours.

Agnes