

Friday 29 September 1815, Chawton.

My dear Anna

We told Mr Ben Lefroy that if the weather did not prevent us, we should certainly come & see you tomorrow, & bring Cassy, trusting to your being so good as to give her a dinner about one O' clock, that we might be able to be with you the earlier & stay the longer — but on giving Cassy her choice of the Fair or Wyards, it must be confessed that she has preferred' the former, which we trust will not greatly affront you; — if it does, you may hope that some little Anna hereafter may revenge the insult by a similar preference. of an Alton fair to her Cousin Cassy. — In the meanwhile, we have determined to put off our visit to you till Monday, which we hope will be not less convenient to You. — I wish the weather may not resolve upon other put-offs. I must come to you before Wednesday if it be possible, for on that day I am going to London for a week or two with your Uncle Henry, who is expected here on Sunday If Monday therefore should appear too dirty for walking, & Mr Ben Lefroy would be so kind as to come & fetch me to spend some part of the morns with you, I should be much obliged to him. Cassy might be of the Party, & your Aunt Cassandra will take another opportunity — Your GrandMama sends her Love & Thanks for your note. She was very happy to hear the contents of your Packing Case. — She will send the Strawberry roots by Sally Benham, as early next week as the weather may allow her to take them up. —

Yours very affec

My dear Anna

J. Austen

This letter is what we do in texts. LOTS of texts nowadays. They had to arrange the events or visits that occurred. A lot of neighborhood gossip was talked about in letters.

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After invading Greece and receiving the submission of other key [city-states](#), [Philip II](#) of [Macedon](#) sent a message to Sparta saying:

*"If I win this war, you will be [slaves](#) forever."*

Another version claims he says:

*"You are advised to submit without further delay, for if I bring my army into your land, I will destroy your farms, slay your people, and raze your city."*

The Spartans replied with a single word:

**"If"**

Sparta was subsequently avoided entirely by Philip II.

***So much said in ONE word***

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**Abraham Lincoln's letter to his son's Head Master**

Respected Teacher,

My son will have to learn I know that all men are not just, all men are not true. But teach him also that for ever scoundrel there is a hero; that for every selfish politician, there is a dedicated leader. Teach him that for every enemy there is a friend.

It will take time, I know; but teach him, if you can, that a dollar earned is far more valuable than five found.

Teach him to learn to lose and also to enjoy winning.

Steer him away from envy, if you can.

Teach him the secret of quiet laughter. Let him learn early that the bullies are the easiest to tick.

Teach him, if you can, the wonder of books.. but also give him quiet time to ponder over the eternal mystery of birds in the sky, bees in the sun, and flowers on a green hill –side.

In school teach him it is far more honourable to fail than to cheat.

Teach him to have faith in his own ideas, even if every one tells him they are wrong.

Teach him to be gentle with gentle people and tough with the tough.

Try to give my son the strength not to follow the crowd when every one is getting on the bandwagon.

Teach him to listen to all men but teach him also to filter all he hears on a screen of truth and take only the good that comes through.

Teach him, if you can, how to laugh when he is sad. Teach him there is no shame in tears. Teach him to scoff at cynics and to beware of too much sweetness.

Teach him to sell his brawn and brain to the highest bidders; but never to put a price tag on his heart and soul.

Teach him to close his ears to a howling mob... and to stand and fight if he thinks he's right.

Treat him gently; but do not cuddle him because only the test of fire makes fine steel.

Let him have the courage to be impatient, let him have the patience to be brave. Teach him always to have sublime faith in himself because then he will always have sublime faith in mankind.

This is a big order; but see what you can do. He is such a fine little fellow, my son.

Abraham Lincoln.

A letter that uses a lot of words to encourage a teacher.

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[Mahatma Gandhi](#) wrote to [Adolf Hitler](#) urging him to see the fallacy of his ways.

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Dear friend,

Friends have been urging me to write to you for the sake of humanity. But I have resisted their request, because of the feeling that any letter from me would be an impertinence. Something tells me that I must not calculate and that I must make my appeal for whatever it may be worth.

It is quite clear that you are today the one person in the world who can prevent a war which may reduce humanity to the savage state. Must you pay that price for an object however worthy it may appear to you to be ? Will you listen to the appeal of one who has seliberately shunned the method of war not without considerable success? Any way I anticipate your forgiveness, if I have erred in writing to you.

Herr Hitler  
Berlin  
Germany.

I remain,  
Your sincere friend

M.K. Gandhi

The letters in the bible – talk about a bit. The NT is a collection of letters with instructions for churches.  
The letters that started wars  
The letters that ended wars