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WALT write the beginning of a persuasive letter.

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Why is Lady Fu Hao such an important historical figure in the Shang Dynasty?

How did the life of Lady Fu Hao and her slaves differ?

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Remember...

Slaves were usually prisoners of war and sometimes convicted criminals. They were made to undertake hard labour, often building tombs and palaces.

Shang slaves were treated very harshly and were sometimes sacrificed to the gods. They were also frequently buried alive with their masters as it was thought they could then continue to serve them in the afterlife.

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Today we are going to write the beginning of our persuasive letter in the role of one of Lady Fu Hao slaves, explaining why it would be an honour to be buried and die alongside her in the tomb.



You are going to convince a fellow slave (your audience) by making your points and using evidence from Shang society to support your view.

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The introduction should

- State who you are and briefly describe the life of a slave living in Lady Fu Hao household.
- State your points of view and open the letter i.e. if Lady Fu Hao dies in the next battle, the slaves need to be prepared to die alongside her in the tomb.



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Your writing should ...



- Written in present tense, **I have... This family is...**
- Use conjunctions: **however, because, for this reason, with this in mind...**
- Use rhetorical questions, **Don't you want to be worshipped along side the great ancestors?**

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Royal Palace of King Wu Ding

Shang Dynasty

Ancient China

October 1250 BCE



Dear xxxxx

I am writing to you today asking that you to reconsider your decision to run away and desert our great leader, Lady Fu Hao. Have you not heard of the wonderful achievements she has made? It goes without saying, that we are servants to one of the greatest military leaders within our Dynasty, a leader who has proved her great wisdom in foretelling the future of our powerful, bold Kingdom in her role as high priestess. The Shang Dynasty is one of the mightiest civilisations in China. We have strong leaders, natural resources of bronze and a social hierarchy which means everyone has a job. I myself would be prepared to die for this country its great leaders.

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Written in present tense

Use conjunctions: however, because, for this reason, with this in mind...

Use rhetorical questions.

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Say who you are and briefly describe the life of a slave/living in Lady Fu Hao household.

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Use conjunctions: however, because, for this reason, with this in mind...

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Use rhetorical questions.

Open the letter by stating the situation i.e. if Lady Fu Hao dies in the next battle, the slaves need to be prepared to die alongside her in the tomb.

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Written in present tense

Use conjunctions: however, because, for this reason, with this in mind...

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Use rhetorical questions.

State their points of view giving reason from what you know about the Shang Dynasty.

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Edit your writing. Have you...

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