

Obama's use of rhetoric in a letter to her younger self

We mainly see people write to themselves in journals and diaries. They write down how they feel and how their day is going.

True or False:

1. True
2. True
3. False

Quotes from Obama's letter to herself:

- 'You're still not sure if you belong.'
- Don't worry, you won't have to go through any of this alone.'
- 'Don't stoop to their level, no matter how gratifying it might feel in the moment.'

Questions:

1. I would describe the tone of the letter as friendly and a relatable letter to read.
2. Michelle uses direct address to ensure her younger self that everything will be ok. She also uses nicknames she calls herself, so the letter is made just for her.
3. In my opinion the most rhetorical/ effective device used in the letter is the one liner quotes that melt your heart. This gives a heart to heart and makes you feel closer to your inner self and that you shouldn't doubt yourself.
4. Writing this letter may have also helped her older self because it brings to light all the bad things that happened in the past and now make them better. When writing letter to your younger self it makes you feel like a better person.

Word Consciousness:

- Anecdote – A short, interesting story about a person or event.
- Imperative – A command or instruction.
- Anaphora – Repeating a word or phrase at the beginning of clauses or sentences.

Michelle used rhetorical language in her letter to convince her younger self to want to listen and learn from her mistakes. Her use of anecdotes creates a personal tone, and she uses imperative statements to give kind advice.

A starter letter to my younger self:

If last year has taught me anything, it is to appreciate the good things in life that keep you going from day to day. We spent so long staying indoors, not being able to socialise and that took a toll on everyone's mental health. Liv, you may not have been able to see your nan as much as you liked but to keep her safe you had to keep your distance and do what the government thought was best. You may have felt alone at times and that you had no one to talk to but trust me when I say that your friends are only a phone call away. Online work wasn't the same, I can understand that you found it difficult to cope with the amount of work that you were given, but just know that after all the work is over, you will have a great future ahead and will lead the life of a queen.

Most girls overthink a lot about themselves, thinking if they are good enough, do they look good in that outfit and if the people around you are true friends. Girl, I just want to say, don't overthink things like that. You are enough and you shouldn't have to worry about how you look to please someone else. You are yourself and that's all that matters. You see these gorgeous women on social media showing off their bodies without a care in the world, but you are different you should love your body and everything that makes you, you. Have more self-confidence and believe in yourself more. Learn from your mistakes and turn your life around for the better because your life will turn out the way you planned; I promise you.