Write a Petition

In this activity, you will need to use the facts about the Bill of Rights to start a change. Follow the steps below and write a Petition which gives many people one collective voice on an issue. Petitions start with a letter stating one’s points and end with many signatures.

Step 1 –
Decide on your audience. (Teacher, principal, community leader, senator, Organization, etc) In your greeting, use their name to start your letter.

Step 2 –
In the body of your letter, explain your issue. Give supporting facts for your side which will help to convince the audience why this is beneficial. Tell what you want to change. End with a call to action.

Step 3 –
Add signatures of people who agree and support your issue to the bottom of your letter.

Possible Issues to “Start a Change” -- Choose one and design a Petition.

- Create a better playground
- Add/remove items to a classroom to enhance learning
- Create a better library
- Start a new public skateboard park
- Improve a public community pool
- Add/remove items to a lunch menu
- Add stop signs or traffic lights to a dangerous intersection
Dear ______________________________,  
(name your audience)

We are __________________________________________
(name yourself, group or organization)

We want to _______________________________________
(describe your issue)

We feel this would benefit us by _______________________
(give supporting reasons)

We, the undersigned, call on ________________________
(restate your audience)

to make a difference by ____________________________
(state call to action )

Signed by:
__________________________________________  
__________________________________________
__________________________________________  
__________________________________________

(Attach more paper for additional signatures)

Lesson 3