



Letter to the Editor Tips

Find an article

- A recent article (submit your letter the same week if possible)
- An article that begs a question
- An article that puts forward a perspective you disagree with
- An article that makes a point that you want to add to

Increase your chances of getting published

- Find and read the submission instructions for the paper you choose
 - Google: "(name of the paper)" "submit" "letter to the editor".
- For most papers, the letter should be ~ 150 words.
- Be pithy — forceful, concise, powerful.
- Offer a point of view on the topic that was not considered.
- It is easier to get published in a local or regional paper near you than it is to get published in the New York Times for example. That said, major national papers have the highest readerships, so if you're feeling ambitious, go for it!