***Celie’s story is delivered through letters to God and to her sister, Nettie.***

Consider

* What if Walker had used the customary narrative form to tell this story?
* Why are letters so important?

***What might an outside reader learn from an epistolary study?***

Assignment: Students will **research three letters** from one historic figure. Research may include Presidents and Heads of State, well-known authors, and celebrities. Must bring a hard copy of each letter to class.

**After reading letters, students must respond to the following questions:** (write responses on back of letters)

1. What conclusions might you formulate based on **what is not said in writing?**
2. Walker’s novel is fictional; how does the **epistolary structure work to capture the reader’s interest?**