

WRITE A LETTER TO NASA WITH ROVER

This PDF includes the core materials and instructions to lead a letter-writing activity.

What's Included

Envelope Addressing Instructions

A simple guide showing kids how to correctly address an envelope.

Astronaut Profiles

One profile for each Artemis II astronaut, with information about their background, role in the mission, and interests. Kids can use the profiles to learn about the crew and choose an astronaut to write to.

Letter Templates

Two fill-in-the-blank letter templates include space to draw a picture at the top of the page. A lined letter page is also included for more independent writers. Let kids choose the template that works best for them, or select one for your group. Each child will need their own sheet, so make additional copies as needed.

Additional Materials

- A pen or pencil
- Colored pencils, markers, or crayons if they would like to draw a picture
- A standard #10 envelope
- A postage stamp (*If this isn't in the budget, send letters home for kids to mail on their own*)

How to Lead the Activity

1. Read Earth Rover

Read *Earth Rover* by Taylor Woolley aloud as a group.

2. Talk About Letter Writing

Discuss how *Earth Rover* is told in the form of a letter. Ask the group if they have ever written or received a letter. Who did they write to? Who sent them a letter? Why do people send letters?

3. Meet the Artemis II Crew

Use the included NASA Artemis II astronaut profiles to learn about the crew and their mission. Have each child choose an astronaut they would like to write to.

4. Write and Draw

Have each child use one of the included templates to write a letter to their chosen astronaut. They can also draw a picture to include with their message.

5. Address the Envelopes

Using the envelope addressing guide, help each child practice remembering and writing their home address in the return-address area of the envelope. Then use the included NASA mailing address to address their letter.

6. Mail

Once the letters are mailed to NASA, they will be distributed to the astronauts. While a response isn't guaranteed, your young writers may even receive a reply!

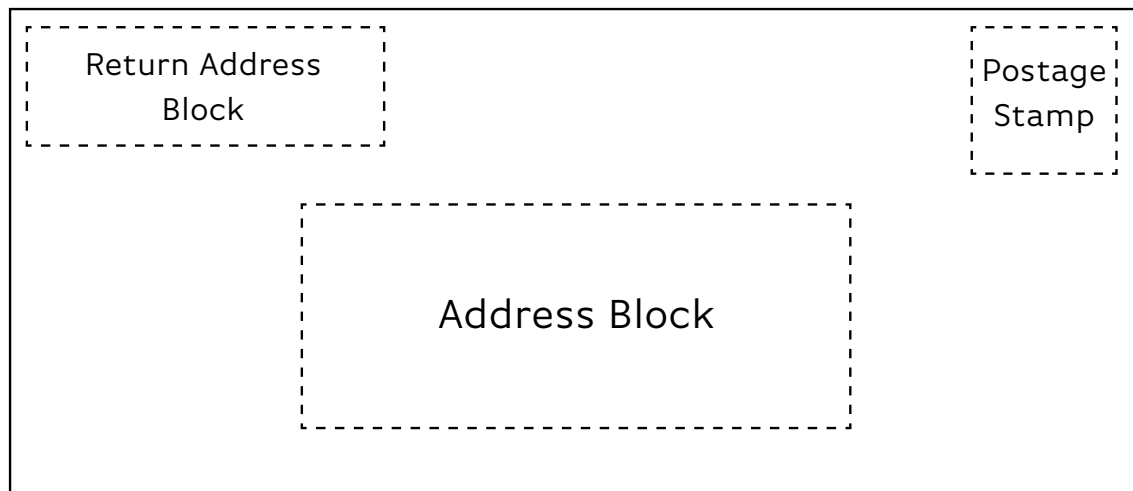
Want to Write to the Author Instead?

Mrs. Woolley loves receiving letters from readers! If your group would like to write to the author, email taylor@woolleystories.com to request her mailing address.

HOW TO ADDRESS AN ENVELOPE

WHAT MAKES AN ADDRESS?

Person's Name	→	John Smith
House/Building Number and Street Name	→	123 Main Street
City, State Abbreviation, Zip Code	→	Atlanta, GA 00000



1. Write **YOUR ADDRESS** in the top left corner of the envelope. This is called the return address. The post office sends mail to the return address if they cannot deliver it to the location in the address block.
2. Write **WHERE YOU WANT THE LETTER TO GO** in the center of the envelope. This is called the address block. Here is the address to use if you want to send a letter to a NASA Astronaut:

To: _____
Astronaut Office
2101 NASA Rd 1
Houston, TX 77058

3. Don't forget to **ADD A STAMP** to the top right corner before you put it in the mailbox for your postal worker.



CHRISTINA HAMMOCK KOCH

MISSION SPECIALIST

Education:

Studied electrical engineering and physics at North Carolina State University

About Christina Hammock Koch:

When Christina was a kid, she loved looking up at the night sky. That curiosity led her to become an engineer, building tools for space missions and doing science in remote places around the world. She became a NASA astronaut in 2013 and went to space in 2019, where she lived and worked on the International Space Station. Christina set the record for the longest single spaceflight by a woman (328 days!) and took part in the first all-female spacewalk.

Hobbies:

Rock climbing, Sailing, Surfing



REID WISEMAN

COMMANDER

Education:

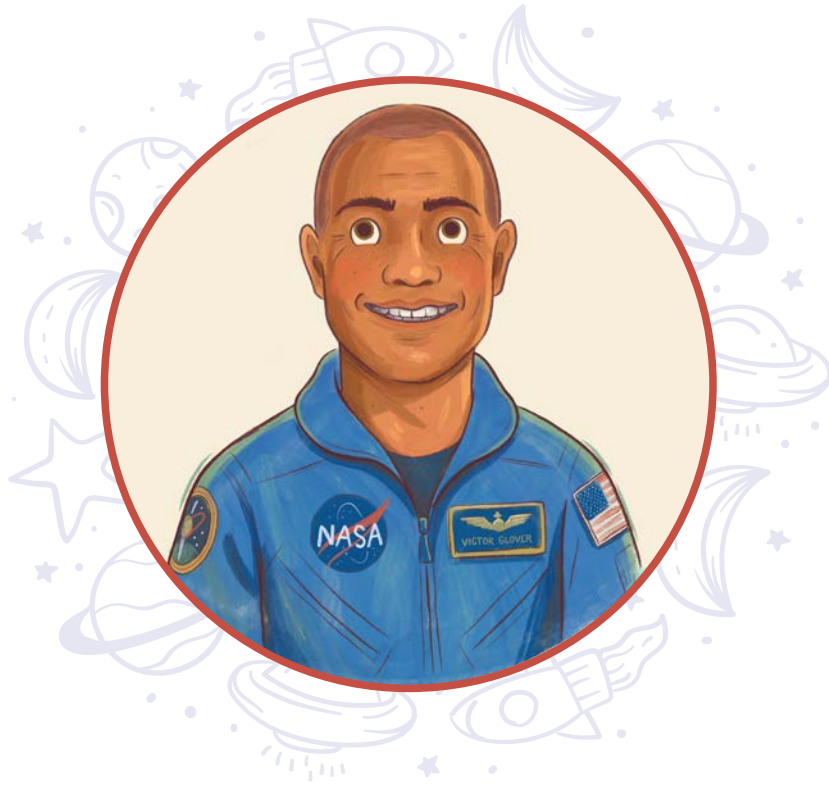
Studied computers and systems engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and Johns Hopkins University

About Reid Wiseman:

Reid grew up near an airfield and loved watching planes fly overhead. That inspired him to become a pilot! Before joining NASA, he flew many different aircraft in the U.S. Navy. He became an astronaut in 2009 and later traveled to the International Space Station, where he helped run experiments, performed spacewalks, and set a record for doing 82 hours of research in just one week.

Hobbies:

Golf, Go-carting, Spending time with his two daughters



VICTOR J. GLOVER

PILOT

Education:

Studied flight testing and systems engineering at California Polytechnic State University, Air University, and Naval Postgraduate School

Studied Military Operational Art and Sciences at Air University

About Victor J. Glover:

As a kid, Victor wanted to be a police officer like his dad. But after seeing a rocket launch on TV, he became inspired to study engineering and learn to fly! Before NASA, he was a Navy pilot and flew more than 40 different aircraft. He became an astronaut in 2013 and later traveled to the International Space Station, where he spent 168 days in space, completed spacewalks, and helped with science experiments and repairs.

Hobbies:

Football, Wrestling, Photography, Spray paint art



JEREMY HANSEN

MISSION SPECIALIST

Education:

Studied space science and physics at Royal Military College of Canada

About Jeremy Hansen:

Jeremy grew up in Canada and dreamed of exploring space after seeing pictures of astronauts on the Moon. He became a fighter pilot in the Royal Canadian Air Force before being selected as an astronaut in 2009. Artemis II will be his very first trip to space—and he will be the first non-American astronaut to travel around the Moon!

Hobbies:

Sailing, Rock climbing, Mountain biking

Dear _____ ,

My name is _____ .

I am _____ years old. If I went to space, I would
look forward to _____
_____ .

Sincerely,

Dear _____ ,

My name is _____ .

I am _____ years old. If I went to space, I would
bring _____ with me .

Sincerely,

Dear _____ ,

Sincerely,
