

# Mari's Letter and President Obama's Response

Read the letter Mari wrote to President Obama and his response. Source: Obama White House Archives.

*Mr. President,*

*Hello my name is Mari Copeny and I'm 8 years old, I live in Flint, Michigan and I'm more commonly known around town as "Little Miss Flint". I am one of the children that is effected by this water, and I've been doing my best to march in protest and to speak out for all the kids that live here in Flint. This Thursday I will be riding a bus to Washington, D.C. to watch the congressional hearings of our Governor Rick Snyder. I know this is probably an odd request but I would love for a chance to meet you or your wife. My mom said chances are you will be too busy with more important things, but there is a lot of people coming on these buses and even just a meeting from you or your wife would really lift people's spirits. Thank you for all that do for our country. I look forward to being able to come to Washington and to be able to see Gov. Snyder in person and to be able to be in the city where you live.*

*Thank You  
Mari Copeny*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

April 25, 2016

Amariyanna Copeny  
Flint, Michigan

Dear Mari:

Thank you for writing to me. You're right that Presidents are often busy, but the truth is, in America, there is no more important title than citizen. And I am so proud of you for using your voice to speak out on behalf of the children of Flint.

That's why I want you to be the first to know that I'm coming to visit Flint on May 4th. I want to make sure people like you and your family are receiving the help you need and deserve. Like you, I'll use my voice to call for change and help lift up your community.

Letters from kids like you are what make me so optimistic for the future. I hope to meet you next week, "Little Miss Flint."

Sincerely,



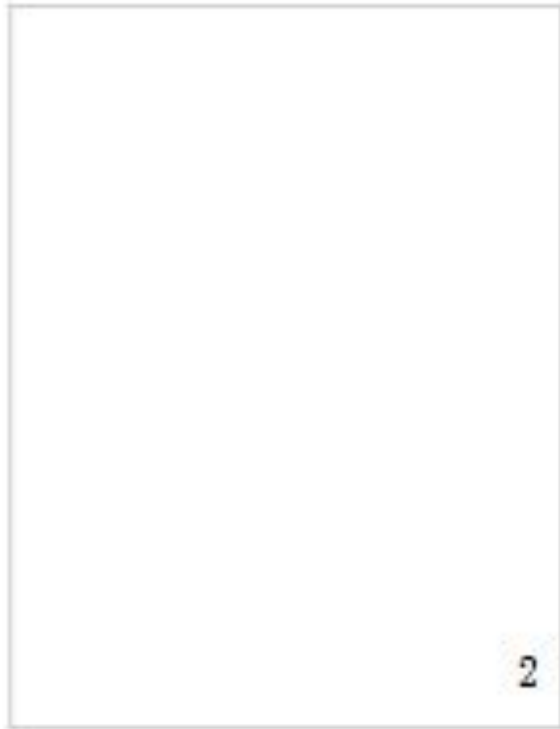
# Generating Ideas

In the space below, use the questions to generate ideas about a problem, its root cause, an audience you could target to help solve the problem, and a call to action. Continue in your writing journal if you need more space.

<b>Problem</b>	<b>Root Cause</b>	<b>Audience</b>	<b>Call to Action</b>
<i>What is a problem in your school or community?</i>	<i>Why is this problem happening?</i>	<i>Who can help solve the problem?</i>	<i>What needs to be done to solve the problem?</i>

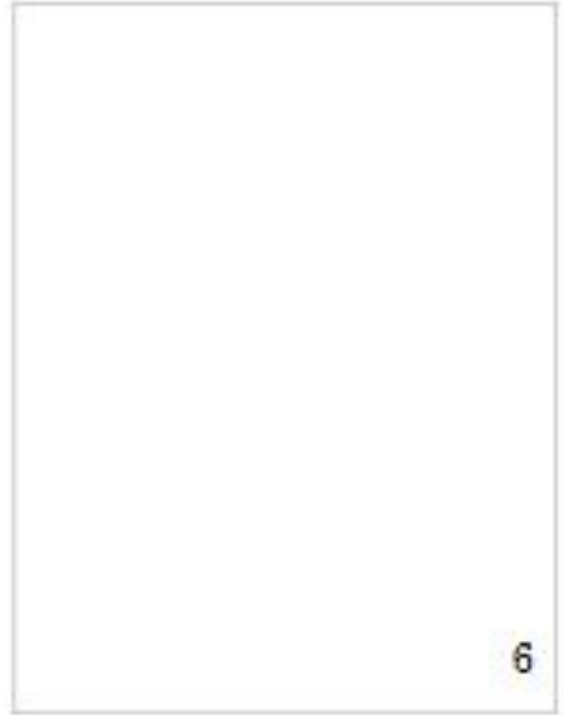
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## HOW TO FOLD A SHEET-O-PAPER INTO A 8-PAGE ZINE

