



# War in Afghanistan

**YOUR ASSIGNMENT:** Take on the perspective of an American soldier who was stationed in Afghanistan after the attacks of 9/11 and is writing to a family member to let them know that they are now coming home. Conduct research to find out what happened leading up to this person finding out that the war was over. Be sure to consider the person's age, position in society, where they are from, who their family is back in the U.S., where they are currently located in Afghanistan, etc. Use the first person to compose your letter.

**CONTENT:** Your letter should include the following information:

- Where you are and what is going on there
- Your understanding of why you are in Afghanistan
- What your daily life has been like (food, shelter, clothing, who you are with, what you have seen, the opinions and feelings of those with whom you have been in contact, etc.)
- What you have been doing
- What kinds of interactions you have had with the local people
- Where you were and what you were doing when you learned you were going to be coming home
- How you feel about the U.S. military leaving Afghanistan and why
- Any other interesting facts you may want to share

**FORMAT:** Use a friendly letter format. Be sure to include a heading, edited body, and closing signed by your soldier.

**SOURCES:** List at least three credible sources that you used to do research before composing your letter.