



ACTIVITY 6

Checkpoint

TEACHER TRANSCRIPT

Teacher: “Silently read the NEXT magazine article, “Checkpoint”. Think to yourself how you would react if you received a college rejection letter and what actions would you feel were necessary.”

Teacher: Hand a copy of the sample college rejection letter to each student.

Teacher: “Read the letter I have handed out. This is a typical letter you might receive from a college notifying you that you did not get into their school. Follow the instructions on the board answering and addressing all situations.”

Teacher: “When complete, print and submit.”

Teacher: Review and post the following instructions for students to reference while working. Students should use MS Word to complete the assignment:

1. Research and determine the job or task of a college admission committee including how final selections are made.
2. What does a rejection from a college mean or what doesn't it mean to you.
3. What are your thoughts on a rejection letter building resilience and character for a successful career?
4. Explain the feelings and emotions you might have after reading the letter.
5. Discuss two famous people who have been successful and received a rejection letter from their first-choice college/university.
6. Put together a list of what actions can be considered and taken at this point, i.e., community college, gap year and why you chose these actions.



FLORIDA STATE STANDARDS

Strand ELA.12.R: Reading

Standard 2 ELA.12.R.2: Reading Informational Text

Strand ELA.12.C: Communication

Standard 1 ELA.12.C.1: Communicating Through Writing

ELA.12.C.1.2: Write complex narratives using appropriate techniques to establish multiple perspectives and convey universal themes.

TEACHER NEEDS

NEXT magazine article, “Checkpoint”

Whiteboard or Smartboard

Laptop/computer with MS Word

One copy of college rejection letter for each student

STUDENT NEEDS

NEXT magazine article, “Checkpoint”

Laptop/computer with MS Word

Access to Internet

Copy of college rejection letter

March 1, 2027

Ann Butler
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Dear Ms. Butler,

We hope this message finds you well. We would like to thank you for your application to our esteemed institution. We appreciate and acknowledge your interest in pursuing your academic goals at our school.

I regret to inform you that after careful and thorough consideration, we are unable to offer you admission to our institution. The decision-making process is exceptionally challenging as we received a number of applications. Your application, unfortunately, did not align with our highly competitive selection criteria.

We understand this news may be disappointing particularly considering your strong academic achievements and notable accomplishments. Please remember that college admissions are a highly competitive process and difficult decisions must be made to ensure the best fit for our school.

Please be assured that this decision is not a reflection of your worth or potential. While you were not selected this time, we encourage you to pursue your academic goals with determination and consider alternative institutions where your unique talents and aspirations will thrive.

We appreciate your understanding and sincerely hope that you will find the right path to pursue your academic and career goals. We wish you every success as you embark on this next chapter of your educational journey. If you have any questions or require further guidance, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,
Carol Hummingbird
Admissions Director