

WORKSHEET

Creative Writing Workshop

How to write a new Edna Welthorpe letter:

1. Choose a target. Who or what embodies snobbery, social conservatism or injustice today? Your target must be a well-known person or institution.
2. Choose a focus. What aspect of this person or institution deserves to be satirised?
3. Draft your letter (200 words max), remembering to incorporate the rhetorical strategies that create Edna's distinct voice and style.
4. Swap letters with a partner and offer each other feedback. Have effective strategies been used to mimic Edna's voice? Is the letter funny without being nasty? Is it clearly satirical rather than simply a letter of complaint? What works well? What could be revised?
5. Develop your letter.
6. Share your letter: read your Edna letters aloud to the group.