

Dear Uncle Sam,  
How 's it going? Today, I wanted to share with you some information about Mexico. First of all, it is a country with a great cultural diversity. Specifically, every state has its own traditions, culture, food and even dialects. So, you should definitely take some time & explore these places. Second, people are hardworking and resilient. Despite the many challenges our country has faced throughout the years, people work very hard and do whatever they can to recover from unfortunate events and/or difficult changes. Finally, Mexicans are warm and friendly. We welcome foreign visitors to our country and try to take advantage of opportunities to share experiences & talk about family with them. So... despite what you watch or hear in the news, Mexicans are not all terrorists, or the most dangerous crowd. Come and see it for yourself.

"Mi casa es su casa"

Maria Raquel Alba Villalpando  
CIEO

July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Dear Uncle Sam,

After a month living the American lifestyle, I'm allowed to say it is just like the movies: abundance, fancy things, fast food, long distances, beautiful sights and places; but there were some things movies don't show: your values, like hardwork to gain everything you have.

Same thing happens with Mexico, we are not what the movies show: we work really hard to get things like school degrees, facilities - we made a big effort everyday to get one step closer to our goals despite the difficult conditions we face in our country.

We are concerned about the same things as you: politics, money, education, jobs, security. We are not as poor or ignorant as you think we are. There are many people who speak not only 2 languages (Spanish-English) but 3; they own companies, they get to study abroad and very recognized researchers in any field.

So, we are just like you, people trying to live a good life! Thank you for your hospitality!

July 24, 2018

Dear American people:

My English teacher has asked me to write this letter to you feeling free to talk about any topic.

I've been here for a month studying and learning many things about your culture, political system, the history of this amazing country, the origin of your wealth, your rights, your Constitution and the way of life in the Official state.

I must say though that I lived here well in California (San Jose) many years ago and did my Jr. and High School here too so I never had a chance to say thank you for the opportunity your Government gave me at that time and this time too.

I like your culture, I learned a lot about you.

I hope though that you  
can continue opening your  
doors and your hearts not  
only to Mexico but to the  
rest of the world who  
wants to come and DO  
good things in this country  
of yours.

Please don't ever lose your  
good will, your sensibility to  
help others in any way you  
can. You have the resources  
and a lot of opportunities to  
do so. God loves good  
people who think in others  
and share their time, love,  
food, cloth and knowledge as  
well. Keep up the good will  
spirit. I thank you. I'm grateful  
to this beautiful and marvelous  
Country.

My beloved Country Mexico and  
fellow country men thank you and  
bless you always.

3

Thank you

Lara Fuentes Jimenez  
English teacher

Aguascalientes, Mexico

Love is the beauty of  
the soul." "Saint Augustine"

July 2th, 2018.

Dear Uncle Sam,

I just want to let you know that there is Arab influence in Mexico. Arab immigration started around the 19th and 20th centuries.

They mostly came from Syria, Lebanon, Palestine and Iraq. They settled in cities like Mexico City, Puebla, Guadalajara, Nayarit, Durango, among other cities. Regarding food, Arabs have influenced Mexican cuisine giving place to "Tacos Arabes", Yucatecan cuisine and introduced food recipes like Tabbouleh. Another interesting fact about

Arab-Mexicans is their religion where they are mostly Christians belonging to the Maronik Church, Roman Catholic among other Christian churches.

There are just a few muslim groups. Some of the most notable figures in politics, lawyers, businessmen and actors are of Arab descent. I think you could find these facts interesting.

Best regards,

María Luisa Colosio Merino

July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Dear Americans:

I came here this summer with no idea of what I would see and learn during this program and I gladly discover that the program not only would help me to improve my English language skills but also would give me the opportunity to learn about the American people and the life in U.S.

First I would like to tell you about the multicultural city Ohio is, you certainly notice it but I don't know if you realize how important is the role of American people that receive human beings from around the world and welcome them as citizens, immigrants and refugees, <sup>they</sup> come here and make the city not only nice but really great.

I really appreciate how welcomed everybody make us feel and to find so many bilingual people at the University.

The life in U.S is very comfortable and I want you to have in mind the high quality of life you all have here, job opportunities, convenience stores, restaurants, schools (with great facilities), universities ~~but~~ and the most important value freedom, to choose your religion, career, couple, groups of interests, etc. because not all people have this in their countries, reality in Mexico is very different, so please have this in mind when you have the opportunity to help or

just be nice to immigrants and refugees that  
are looking only to have a life with quality  
dignity and freedom as you already have,  
I'm really sure you will.

Sincerely

Teacher, Karina García