

Dear People of 2026,

I've written this paper so you can see what it was like in 1976. I'd like to start it by telling you a little about myself. I am a senior at Boca Ciega High School. I will be graduating in about a month. My family consists of my parents, myself, and my two younger sisters. Well, that's enough about me.

I'd like to tell you a little about our country this year. One of the most exciting things about the United States this year was that it is our bicentennial year. Can you imagine 200 years of American history? Everyone is wearing red, white, and blue. It is almost like reliving the past. Washington, D.C. has never been more popular.

Nineteen-seventy-six hasn't been all that easy for a lot of people. Unemployment and

inflation are extremely high. Many people are disgusted and depressed. If America is such a great and rich country why do so many people have to go and stand in unemployment lines? Gas has always been a problem, but presently it's the highest it has ever been. Electricity is expensive, also.

People are beginning to search for new means of energy. The question now is, Will it be solar, nuclear power, or what?

Another problem the United States is finally clearing up is Watergate. It is really surprising how a nation this size, with our type of government could have ~~even~~ allowed it to happen. We have had a very close Presidential election this year. Mr. Gerald Ford, the man put in office because of Nixon

and Watergate competed against Jimmy Carter. Mr. Carter was the victor. He promises to revise the government, reduce taxes, and help the people of our nation. I believe in him, but whether or not he will carry out his promises is a thing of the future.

It is the week before Christmas and even though I am broke I am going Christmas shopping. I hope when you read this I will still be around to hear it.

Sincerely,
Laura Odom