



## Report to the King: Assessment

Missionaries like Padre Kino had to report back to their superiors about their progress, challenges, and requests. Padre Kino was known for his optimism and positive attitude. One critic in 1695 said of Kino,

“He saw a forest where there was only mesquite bush,  
and a lake where there was a puddle of water.”

After having collected your badges, it's time to report back to the king about your journey. These letters are like writing your own report card, so you'll want to take a lesson from Padre Kino and make it:

## PEPI

<b>P</b> ositive	Describe your successes and leave out the failures!
<b>E</b> nthusiastic	Use large and glowing words like “magnificent” or “astounding.” (Adjectives like “cool” and “fun” don't work on kings.)
<b>P</b> ersuasive	Convince the king that you should be sent on additional quests!
<b>I</b> ngratiating	Address the reader with respect. Kino and other subjects of the king often signed their letters with “your humble servant” or “in obedience and gratitude.”

In order to properly convey your experience on the Quest, you may want to mention:

- the landscape and environment
- the people you met
- the buildings
- the obstacles you faced
- the discoveries you made

**Option 1:** Craft your own letter. It might help to plan your persuasive letter using a tool such as:

[http://www.readwritethink.org/files/resources/interactives/persuasion\\_map/](http://www.readwritethink.org/files/resources/interactives/persuasion_map/)

**Option 2:** Use the template on Page 2 and fill in the blanks.

## Tumacácori National Historical Park - Padre Kino's Quest



*To his Majesty, the Most Christian King, the King of Spain,  
Ferdinand VII, the States General of the United Provinces,  
and the empire of New Spain,*

*I have just returned from my quest at Tumacácori where I encountered a land  
filled with \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. I even  
found a \_\_\_\_\_, certainly a most unique  
discovery.*

*The journey was, at times, difficult, but I managed to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Never was my strength, intelligence, and  
resolve tested as much as when I successfully managed to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.*

*This was truly a \_\_\_\_\_ experience!*

*Surely, in your wisdom, you will endeavor to send me on another quest in order to  
learn \_\_\_\_\_.*

*For my part, I found Tumacácori to be a very \_\_\_\_\_ place  
and its people to be extremely \_\_\_\_\_.*

*Signed, \_\_\_\_\_,  
[your name here]*