

Functional Writing tasks in response to the documentary film **Soft Vengeance, Albie Sachs and the New South Africa**

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Task One: Friendly letter (350 words)

Write a letter to Justice Albie Sachs in response to the film you have just seen.

- Express your feelings and thoughts concerning the struggle Albie and other freedom fighters fought against the unjust laws which kept racial supremacy alive in South Africa for so long.
- Discuss the unique role Albie played towards creating freedom and democracy in South Africa.
- Describe practical steps you will take in your life to ensure that South Africa is free from injustice and enjoys a healthy democracy.

INSTRUCTIONS: Write your home or school address on the right hand side of the page, write the date beneath your address, leave a line and then begin as follows:

Dear Albie

After the final paragraph, remember to leave a line and conclude with the traditional valediction:

Yours sincerely

Your name

Your teacher and classmates will check the letter for accurate content, correct tone, appropriate vocabulary, correct spelling and language errors. Rewrite the letter neatly and as free of errors as possible.

If you can, e-mail the completed letter and a photograph of yourself to: annette.fatti@gmail.com

OR

Task Two: Formal Speech (350 words)

Read the following quotation by Justice Yvonne Mokgoro from the documentary film:

"I think Albie is an example, a good example of what we can achieve in our quest to turn around South Africa, and shift into a space away from the bitterness, the racism, the inequalities, the indignities of the past, to a future where South Africa and South Africanism belongs to all of us."

(Yvonne Mokgoro, **Soft Vengeance: Albie Sachs and the new South Africa**)

You have been asked to report back **in the form of a speech** at your school assembly describing what you learnt from the film **Soft Vengeance: Albie Sachs and the new South Africa**.

- Basing your speech on the role Albie Sachs played towards the creation of a free and democratic post-apartheid South Africa, use the above quotation from Justice Yvonne Mokgoro as your introductory sentence.
- In the body of your speech, describe the lessons you learnt from what you saw about apartheid and what you learnt from Albie's response to apartheid. Describe how Albie helped bring about the creation of a new South Africa.
- Using less than 10 words, express the essential qualities which you think describe the good example Albie has shown the world in the form of a motto, slogan or chant to end your speech. Teach this to your schoolmates.