

Writing a Zander letter

For Assessment 1 one of the tasks is to write a Zander letter (600 words). Imagine that you are at the end of your university studies and have achieved a 1st class degree. Write a letter to yourself, from the future you, outlining what you did to achieve that 1st class degree. (See the content of Unit 4 for more details on this).

- Students have to describe, in as much detail as possible in their letter, how they came to achieve this “extraordinary grade.”
- In writing their letters, Zander said students must “place themselves in the future, looking back, and report on all the insights they acquired and the milestones they attained during the year, as if those accomplishments were already in the past. Everything must be written in the past tense. Phrases such as ‘I hope,’ ‘I intend,’ or ‘I will’ must not appear.”
- The aim of giving all students a 1st classification is to help students to remove the barriers that block achievement, and to embrace the mindset of giving a 1st classification, by letting go of rigid mindsets that restrain them.
- The 1st classification is an invention that creates possibilities for the student and allows them to accomplish what is possible by reducing distractions and inhibitors (Creativity at Work, 2020)

The end of unit/module task is for you to write a Zander letter to yourself to justify why you have been awarded a 1st Classification in your degree.