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Use features of letter writing

Lothouse Family  
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My dear good Lord Kitchener,

I am writing to inform you that I am disgusted by the way that you treat these noble horses that you have stolen from their homes. Are you aware that the horses are suffering in a violent, horrifying and harsh war. They are too innocent.

I understand that horses are extremely useful in many different ways such as carrying injured soldiers, pulling weaponry and riding into battle. In addition, when they go to battle, they are calm, strong and fearless, making them the ideal companion for our soldiers. However, horses are constantly dying due to diseases and exhaustion. These majestic creatures should not be sacrificed to win this war.

Day after day as this war continues, both people and animals suffer from terrible conditions. Some people describe it as a living hell. Do you feel that this is an acceptable way of treating those noble horses? Reports show that that more horses are dying from carrying soldiers into war. 20,000 horses have already lost their lives because they can no longer cope

shelter they are exposed to the cold and then get sick and potentially that might spread onto the soldiers. Also you are not feeding a lot of these horses and how can you force them to work when they have not eaten in days?

With lots of animals being sent to the front line there is not a lot to help in farms to make crops. As a result there is less food being made for the people of Britain and the soldiers. For this reason reports show that just last year there was a reduction of crops by 43%. If this continues our soldiers will not be able to fight; they will be starving. How do you expect us to feed ourselves and the army? Without our men and our horses, who are risking their lives fighting for our country, it is much more difficult to grow and harvest food. Your citizens at home need horses too.

To conclude, I understand that horses are vital for war but the way you treat them is astonishing. I strongly plead you to give them clean water, proper shelter and vets to help when injured. Following these steps would greatly help these noble horses. Now you have a opportunity to make this right. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Yours sincerely

Jack Lighthouse