

Questions about *Fate Did Not Let Me Go*

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. What does *Fate Did Not Let Me Go* teach you about the power of communication? About letters?
2. What are the themes of the letter? What are the lessons and wishes expressed in the letter?
3. In the film, Rabbi Jack Bemporad stated it was a “letter of wisdom.” What is the wisdom that he refers to?
4. Would this letter have been as powerful if it were an email? Why or why not?
5. The letter reached Ulrich 43 years after the death of his mother. If the letter had reached Ulrich within a few weeks of his mother’s death, how would the impact have been different?
6. Valli writes, “Fate did not let me go.” What do you think she means by that?
7. Do you believe in fate? Do you believe you can escape fate? What does Valli’s statement of “Fate did not let me go” teach you about her own beliefs? Do you think it was fate that this letter eventually reached Ulrich?

Writing assignment:

If you were writing a letter of hope to a loved one, what would you want to say? Brainstorm some things you are hopeful of, then write a letter of hope to someone you care about. Use powerful words.