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Dear Ms. Gabrielson:

(Salutation/Greeting)

If you are looking for a attention-grabbing book for our class bookshelf, you should buy The Fall Man by Tony Hillerman; this book is 202 pages in length. Hillerman keeps the reader guessing until the final chapter; this makes this book a real page-turner. Tony Hillerman has written over twenty books; some are mysteries and the rest are nonfiction. The author lives in New Mexico with his wife. Hillerman has many awards and honors including the Navajo Tribe's Special Friend Award and the Edgar and Grand Master Award for mystery writing. I recommend this book to anyone who likes mysteries or would like to learn more about the Native Americans of the Southwest.

In this novel, a man is killed while climbing Shiprock Mountain in Arizona. The mountain is sacred to the surrounding Native American tribes. Lieutenant Jim Chee, of the Navajo tribe, and retired police chief Joe Leaphorn, of the Hopi tribe, are drawn together to solve the case. Many possible motives are investigated: Was it murder to protect the mountain? Was it merely an accident? Was the man murdered because of his large ranch that land developers wanted to buy? I liked most in the book Janet Pete; she is a lawyer who is torn between moving to the city to pursue a prestigious career or staying in her hometown to help improve living conditions. I related to this dilemma because I had considered staying in my hometown after I finished college, but then decided to move to Bellingham.

As I read this book I found myself caught up in the story's events and progression, and I read it faster than I usually read. My mind didn't wander much unless I was tired. Sometimes I was confused by the different characters who were introduced so I would have to back and remember who they were related to in the story. I actually made a character chart to help me organize the characters and what their role was in the story. My goal for this next month is to read a nonfiction book like a biography...just to try something different because I usually just read fiction.

Sincerely,

(Closing)

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(Signature)

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(Typed name of letter writer)