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Writing Exercise Template

- 1. title:** A decade later, Trump is invited to reveal how to handle Fake News
- 2. title:** Dear Mr. Trump, will you disclose students the truth about Fake News?

Teaser: What if Trump could tell a new generation about the time of “fake news”? As a journalist and teacher, I invited him to my class, hoping for answers and maybe a glimpse of the human behind the headlines.

Text (279 words):

Navarre Spain, May 19th, 2035

Dear Mr. Trump,

From “Enemy of the People” to Guest Lecturer: Why we need your perspective

I am writing to invite you as a guest to my class, “Tackling Fake News”, at the University of Navarre’s Department of Communication and Journalism. My third-year students are learning how to navigate a world where every headline is questioned and every fact debated. I want to invite you as a guest because no one shaped the concept of “fake news” like you did.

I still remember vividly being twenty when you stood before the world and called CNN “the enemy of the people”. You convinced millions to distrust the media, to believe only certain outlets, and you waged a very public war with journalists. As a young reporter, I wondered: How did you, as president, endure the constant storm of criticism and misinformation? Did you ever wish the media would do a better job, or did you see them as adversaries by nature?

A decade later: seeking the human behind the president

Now, a decade after your second run and at 88 years old, you are considered a traditional figure-one whose influence is undeniable. I want to give you the benefit of the doubt. How did you really feel reading absurd stories about yourself? What made you laugh, what made you angry? Did your view of journalism change? What did you wish journalists understood about being in your position?

My students would like to hear not just from the president but from the person behind the power. Will you accept the invitation and help us understand the true value of truth in our era?

Sincerely,

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