

James, 1 Peter, 1 John - Opening Someone Else's Mail

James, 1 Peter and 1 John are not long letters. Only about 5 pages each. One way to read them is to pretend that you are opening someone else's mail. Try to figure out why this letter was written. Before you begin, try to determine a few things about this person who wrote the letter and the people who received it. You will find some of the information in the "Introduction" at the beginning of each letter in your Bible. You may have to look in a Bible dictionary or another resource for some of this information.

1. Which letter have you chosen? James — 1 Peter — 1 John

2.
 - a. Who wrote this letter? _____
 - b. Where was it written? _____
 - c. When was it written? _____
 - d. Why was it written? _____
 - e. What kind of people were in the churches which received it? _____

 - f. What, if anything, was wrong with those churches? _____

3. Where did you find the information to answer question 1? _____

4. Now read the letter you have chosen. In the margin next to each paragraph put one of these marks in red:
 - + - If it sounds like **good news** to you, put a plus sign.
 - o - If it sounds like **bad news**, put a zero.
 - ! - If it gives **instructions**, put an exclamation point.
 - ? If you **can't understand** what it means, put a question mark.

5. When you're finished, count up the marks you have put:
_____ +s _____ O's _____ !s _____ ?s

6. In your Bible color one verse of each kind and list their references here:
+ _____ O _____ ! _____ ? _____

7. On the back of this sheet tell one interesting thing you learned from reading this letter.