

dear daddy,

i wouldn't want you to think that this letter, coming so soon after my forst,
is because i need something, but as a matter of fact i would like you to do me
a big favor, or have auntie do it for me. there are some books in the house
called METROPOLITAN MUSUEM SEMINARS ON ART- they are wide and thin, and there are
about eight of them. they would not be standing up in the bookshelf because they
are too big, but they would be lying down on the bottom shelf of one of our
many bookshelves. please send them to me right away, so that they arrive by next
monday afternoon. it might have to be airmail, but the group will pay us back.
i need them for the seminar i am giving on art appreciation. boy, i have never
done so much work in my life. you really can't go into a class unprepared
when you're teaching, and you can't skip it if you havent' done the work.
everything is really wonderful, daddy. i haven't been so happy or felt so good
about anything i've been doing in a long time. i'm learning more than in three years
in college. i am also helping design a reasearch project for fifty students who
are coming down to mississippi for the summer to do research on southern negroes and
whites. as a matter of fact, i am doing it all myself. you see, they had all these
people signed up to come down, but noone knew enough sociology to design a
questionnaire to test attitudes and other things, but this is just what i was doing
with my tutor all last semester. that is what that call i charged to auntie's phone
was for. i called up my tutor and asked him to send me some stuff. grandma
didn't pay the charges when the operator called, so i used auntie. i have to run
now and prepare two classes. lots of love.

elayne