

## **Lesson Plan 5**

- Objective:** Students will feel what home means to them.
- Skill Area:** Language Arts, Art and Design
- Student Preparation:** None
- Teacher Preparation:** None
- Activities:**
- Discussion of *The Treasure of Lemon Brown*
    - a) What are the stereotypes in Lemon Brown?
    - b) What is the treasure?
    - c) What are your personal treasures?
    - d) Would you lose them if you were homeless?
  - Art Project
    - a) Draw a picture of what home is to you.
    - b) Students will write a short paragraph on what home means to them.
    - c) Students will make a display, which they will piece together all of the cards, and image of home.

## **Tile Mosaic Project**

This tile mosaic project allows your students to give thought to what home means in their lives. Give each student a 4X4 inch white paper tile (ceramic if your budget allows.) Using a permanent marker have each student depict in words and drawings what HOME means to him/her. When the tiles are completed, have your students design a display for the wall arranging the tiles in a mosaic pattern. Display the mosaic in a prominent area such as a hallway, the library, or a showcase to share their concept of home with others. The project is intended to encourage students to get involved in community service that will benefit homeless people in your area.



## **What programs are out there that help? What can I do?**

- There are thousands local programs that are designed to help homeless people in some way.
- Some examples are: housing assistance, emergency shelters, job training and employment, food shelves and soup kitchens, clothes closets, and health care services.
- Young people can do a lot to help people who are without homes.
- Some examples of what you can do are: prepare and serve a meal at a soup kitchen; collect blankets, hats, gloves, and jackets for people who are living on the street; organize a clothing drive in your neighborhood; organize a school supply drive; tutor a homeless child; write a letter or visit your elected officials and let them know how you feel about the homeless crisis.
- Remember that young people can make a difference in ending the homeless crisis.