

Lesson Plan 6

Objective:	Closure to week of homeless curriculum: optional test and an emphasis on community service participation.
Sill Area:	Language Arts
Materials Needed:	Test sheets
Student Preparation:	None
Teacher Preparation:	Copies of Test Sheets
Activities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Optional test- Community Service Hoop-La!<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Take pictures of students participating in a community service project.b) Take pictures of students with donations.c) Send a press release

Test

Name _____

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| ___ Community Service | B) A family of 4 with income less than \$17,280 a year. |
| ___ Homeless | C) A place where volunteers give out free clothing. |
| ___ Housing. | D) An area of housing that has not been kept up to code. |
| ___ Plunge | E) Volunteer work done to benefit your community. |
| ___ Poverty | F) Any person without private space. |
| ___ Social Service Agency | G) A place where volunteers provide free meals. |
| ___ Slum | H) When a non-homeless person experiences homelessness first hand. |
| ___ Soup Kitchen | I) Organization with a mission to help people in need. |
| ___ Welfare | J) Any permanent housing. |

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Test Answer Key

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Essay question:

What is the impact of Homelessness on society?

Economically, homelessness costs everyone.

Homelessness creates a situation where children are not able to receive education or they may have trouble learning because of physical and/or other psychological problems.

Optional enrichment question:

How can you make a difference?

Not believing stereotypes that people have about homeless people.

Volunteer at an agency that helps homeless people.

Start a food or clothing drive.

Adopt-A-Family for the holidays or year around.

Tutor a homeless child.

Sample Press Release

Contact Person: _____ Phone # _____

_____ class at _____
(teacher's name) (School's name)

Collected _____ of _____ to give to
(quantity) (product)

(organization)

This service project was part of a class study raising awareness of Homelessness and breaking down stereotypes of people who are homeless.

The students read, jouraled and discussed the issues surrounding homelessness. Once informed as to the needs of homeless persons, the students chose the way in which they wanted to help homeless people. The students learned a lot and enjoyed helping their community!

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Critical Questions Middle School

- Think about getting ready for school in the morning and what your morning routine is like. Now think about trying to do your morning routine in a shelter with 20 other kids around trying to get ready too. Think about that routine if you and your family were living in a car? Outside? How would that make you feel?
- Have you ever been in a hurry and skipped breakfast? Was it harder to concentrate when you got to school? Think about not being able to eat breakfast on a regular basis; how would that affect your learning and concentration at school?
- Have you ever tried to get your homework done in a noisy lunchroom? Think about what it would be like to have to do your studying in a noisy shelter or on the streets. Do you think that studying in these conditions would affect your schoolwork?
- Find out what the minimum wage is in your state. Now make a list of all the things your family has to pay for each month. Do you think that your family could afford to pay for all of these things on a minimum wage salary? What would be a sufficient salary to meet your family's basic needs?