



Great Online Lesson Plans on Homelessness to Use in Your Classroom

[Bay Area Homelessness Program](#)

(thecity.sfsu.edu/~bahp/homeless_edu_kit.htm)

The BAHF provides excellent resources on homelessness for teachers to use in the classroom. This includes a “Homeless Education Kit,” with super games, simulations, and exercises you can download or print out for use in your classroom.

[Homelessness Resource Guide K-12](#)

(wmpenn.edu/PennWeb/LTP/Reference/Teach/ResGuideK-12.html)

From William Penn College, here is another great resource for teachers: a “Homelessness Resource Guide K-12” of lesson plans. This guide includes homelessness lessons for grades 1-5, whole language unit on homelessness, lessons for grades 6-8, lessons for grades 9-12, and additional homeless resources.

[Hobson’s Choice](#)

(realchangenews.org/hobson_intro.html)

This interactive website is a game students can play that illustrates the lack of choice involved when people become homeless.

[Another Way to Help the Homeless](#)

(anotherwaytohelpthehomeless.com/projects.htm)

This website offers an introduction to homelessness and a list of possible activities and projects a teacher could conduct in the classroom.

[Equal Rights for the homeless?](#)

(constitutioncenter.org/sections/teacher/lesson_plans/html/70697a.asp)

Who are the homeless? Why are they homeless? Where do they come from? How can we deal with this issue effectively? What are the solutions? This unit is designed to promote student awareness and knowledge of homelessness in America.

[“Homeless” by Anna Quidlen](#)

(miamisci.org/tec/mssindex.html)

This is a unit on homelessness prepared by Anna Quidlen. It is geared for the middle school age student.



[Homeless in America](http://curry.edschool.virginia.edu/it/projects/Museums/Teacher_Guide/Language_Arts/Homeless.in.America.html) (curry.edschool.virginia.edu/it/projects/Museums/Teacher_Guide/Language_Arts/Homeless.in.America.html)

This unit is directed towards grades 8th - 12th. It is an interactive lesson combining field trips, photography, paintings, and the writings of Charles Dickens while learning about homelessness.

[Homeless Unit Plan](http://stark.k12.oh.us/DOCS/units/homeless/lessons/) (stark.k12.oh.us/DOCS/units/homeless/lessons/)

This homeless unit has a variety of lessons in Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies and Technology.

[Homeless – An Introduction](http://home.earthlink.net/%7Eenibroc/thinkquest_lesson.html) (home.earthlink.net/%7Eenibroc/thinkquest_lesson.html)

Consider the suggested outline on this website as a way to introduce homelessness as an interdisciplinary approach into the curriculum.



[“Maniac Magee” by Jerry Spinelli](http://teachervision.com/lesson-plans/lesson-8976.html) (teachervision.com/lesson-plans/lesson-8976.html)

Maniac Magee is a book about a homeless child. The above website can assist while teaching the concepts of homelessness with this book.

[Homelessness in America](http://teacherlink.ed.usu.edu/tlresources/units/Byrnes-famous/JANEADDA.html) (teacherlink.ed.usu.edu/tlresources/units/Byrnes-famous/JANEADDA.html)

This mini-unit connects the historic work of Jane Addams to the current issue of homelessness in America.

[Shedding Light on an 'Invisible' Problem](http://nytimes.com/learning/teachers/lessons/20020325monday.html#ic) (nytimes.com/learning/teachers/lessons/20020325monday.html#ic)

In this lesson, students explore the lives of homeless people, focusing particularly on children. They develop ideas to increase awareness about this issue and create campaigns that educate their peers about the large number of homeless children and families that live in cities across the country.

[Kids' Day on Capitol Hill](http://nch.ari.net/fmnclassroom.html) (nch.ari.net/fmnclassroom.html)

This site offers curriculum and materials available for teachers and students to educate about homelessness.

