



LEVEL: Middle School

LESSON: Children's Book Writing

**Objectives:**

Students will work in small groups to create a children's book about world hunger.

**Materials Needed:** : crayons, markers, colored pencils, computers, pencils, paper, binding machine

**Time Needed:** at least five one-hour class period

**Activities:**

1. Read "What Do Fish Have to Do with Anything?" by Avi.
2. Have a class discussion about how they would have responded to the homeless man who was in need of food.
3. Introduce students to the Rice Bowls campaign.
4. Tell students they are going to create a children's book that discusses world hunger. The content of their book is their choice, but remind them to consider their audience. You may want to discuss several popular children's books and how important it is to write for the appropriate audience.
5. As students write their books, assist them as necessary. Assist with proofreading and revising first drafts.
6. Allow students time to write their final drafts.
7. Then instruct students to illustrate their books.
8. After books have been written and illustrated, use the binding machine to put the books together.
9. Put books in a place for other students in the school to see and read. You may choose to read one or two as a way to introduce Rice Bowls to the entire school.

**Sources Used:**

Avi. (2005). What do fish have to do with anything? In L. Mongello (Ed.), *Elements of Literature* (pp. 557-565). Texas: Holt, Rinehart and Winston.

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