

There Are No Children Here Extensions Menu

<p>Choose one of the following Chicago gangs: Vice Lords, Disciples, or El Rukns. Research its history and create an interactive timeline (on Dipity or similar site) using text and photographs. If possible, trace the gang's history from its inception to either the present day or the end of the gang.</p>	<p>What is gentrification? What aspects of a neighborhood change as the neighborhood becomes gentrified? Research both the positive and negative changes. Then write a journal as if you were a resident of a low-income urban neighborhood. Have the journal entries reflect your feelings as your neighborhood becomes progressively more gentrified over time. (No dialects, please.)</p>	<p>Research minimum wage, average rent and food costs in Chicago. Using whatever information you can find in the book about Lajoe's monthly costs, analyze whether a person could support his/her family with a minimum wage job, assuming a 40-hour workweek and no housing aid. Write a brief report that details your findings. Include a realistic recommendation of how much income a person would need in Chicago to support a family of four. Break costs into categories.</p>
<p>Imagine you are in charge of fixing all the maintenance problems in Henry Horner. Given the descriptions of Lajoe's apartment, the buildings, and the general grounds of the Henry Horner Homes, make a prioritized list of everything that needs to be repaired and/or replaced. Explain your priorities. Then, estimate the cost of these repairs for all of Horner, and write a proposal asking for appropriate funds.</p>	<p>FREE CHOICE</p> <p><i>You must get your idea approved by your teacher.</i></p>	<p>A newer trend among the rich and famous is life coaching. Imagine that you are a successful life coach. Donate your services to the Rivers family. What advice and assistance would you offer? Be realistic and take into account their financial and educational backgrounds. Write them a letter that outlines your advice and what steps they should take. Your letter should also serve to motivate and inspire.</p>
<p>Create a soundtrack for the Rivers family and <i>There Are No Children Here</i>. You must find a song that represents each main character (Lajoe, Pharoah, Lafayette, and one other character of your choice). Additionally, you must choose four other songs to represent people, events, or themes in the book. Make a CD with liner notes, which should include explanations of your choices. Vary your music choices and challenge yourself to choose beyond the obvious (like gansta rap and hip hop).</p>	<p>Work with at least two other students to create a charter school geared to meeting the needs of students who live in the worst of Chicago's housing projects. How would your school differ from Suder? How would you design a school day? What services (in addition to academics) would you offer? How will your school fill the gaps in their educations? What would you look for in teaching candidates, so you hire the best possible staff? Write a proposal and plan to get the school up and running.</p>	<p>Design and create a scrapbook that highlights the most important characters, events, and themes of <i>There Are No Children Here</i>. Scrapbooks serve to commemorate real events and people with a combination of media, so use photos, drawings, writing, captions, and newspaper and magazine clippings to create a comprehensive view of the book. Your final product can be a hard copy of a scrapbook; or you can create a digital scrapbook.</p>