

+ Springboards
to Philanthropy

Drama Scenario
Middle and upper primary;
small groups - Drama

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Invite the children to select a section of the book e.g. leaving his home, the journey, arrival in a strange land, finding a place to stay, or the kindness of strangers for a drama presentation (teachers may prefer to allocate sections to the groups). This will help children to engage with the text at a deeper level and explore the feelings and emotions, including that of being an 'outsider'.

The drama experiences could begin with a signifier such as a train whistle, a ship's siren, or similar sound to evoke the emotions of setting out on a journey. Discuss with the children that they are expected to explore feelings and emotions as they plan and prepare possibilities for a performance.

Ask the children to decide on issues such as:

- Will the traveler leave a family behind?
- Will the traveler be alone or travel with someone?
- Will there be someone to meet the traveler or will s/he arrive alone?

Initial planning will require children to record characters and plot (in writing or as an audio recording) and reflect on how they can build an example of philanthropy into their scenario. They need to decide on factors such as whether they will plan the journey to a 'known' or an 'unknown' destination and to reflect on what this will mean for the characters, for example:

- What will you need for travelling?
- What will you need when you arrive?
- How will you plan to find some where to live and
- Someone to help you who speaks your language?
- Who will you look to for help?

This may be developed for presentation to another group/class/school assembly/open day or other possibility depending on school events.

Points for Reflection and Links to Philanthropy:

- What is our responsibility to our community?
- Why is the kindness of strangers important?
- How can we be kind to others?
- How can we make a difference in our community?
- How can we be philanthropic and help others?
- Why should we help?
- Fund-raising and what else?



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Some useful websites for support and information:

www.refugeecouncil.org.au/

www.asrc.org.au/

www.hreoc.gov.au/human_rights/immigration/asylum_seekers.html

www.unhcr.org/4a2fd52412d.html

www.refugeecouncil.org.au/arp/faqs.html

www.community.gov.au/Internet/MFMC/community.nsf/pages/section?opendocument&Section=Refugees

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Refugee>

<http://philanthropywiki.org.au/index.php/Philanthropy>

Recommended websites for support and information for The Arrival

Shaun Tan's website: www.shauntan.net/

Excerpts from *The Arrival* and other books by Shaun Tan are available at: <http://www.shauntan.net/books.html>

Interview with the author:

www2.scholastic.com/browse/collection.jsp?id=153

www2.scholastic.com/browse/collateral.jsp?id=31082_type=Book_typeId=1275156

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shawn_Tan

www.flickr.com/photos/anyaka/3482642794/

http://images.google.com.au/images?hl=en&q=shaun+tan+the+arrival&um=1&ie=UTF-8&ei=ZljCS66NIsyIkAW_5ty-BQ&sa=X&oi=image_result_group&ct=title&resnum=4&ved=0CCEQsAQwAw

www.nytimes.com/2007/11/11/books/review/Yang-t.html

Support and information for Ziba Came on a Boat

www.penguin.com.au/lookinside/spotlight.cfm?SBN=9780670028610

www1.curriculum.edu.au/rel/history/activities.php?catrelid=1866

www.kanemiller.com/book.asp?sku=386

http://images.google.com.au/images?hl=en&q=ziba+came+on+a+boat&um=1&ie=UTF-8&ei=-pDCS7LgMdCgkQWZq_XbBQ&sa=X&oi=image_result_group&ct=title&resnum=5&ved=0CCMQsAQwBA

www.learningplace.com.au/deliver/content.asp?pid=40617

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