This class is focused on discussions about topics of interest to the participants. These discussions will be initiated by the instructor using children’s literature: books written for children aged 5 -12. The story or message in each book is about a powerful theme: maybe about people who are immigrants and adjusting to a new culture, or perhaps about a family who is struggling in some way.

The purpose of this class is to use these picture books to help us talk to young people about such topics as hunger and food insecurity; homelessness; racial tensions; cultural difference.

Participants will be encouraged to pose challenging questions that can evoke powerful conversations about the world around us.

For the first class: Come with a few topics that you might want to explore.

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