

Monkey Island



Thank you for joining us in the “ASK Program—Monkey Island”. We hope you will follow the process outlined in the handout on “The ASK Program” from the University of Michigan and as outlined in the teacher training. We have found that classes that follow this process do a better job with the interview than students who just read the book and make up questions.

Your students will be interviewing Teri HoltKamp, Homelessness Administrator for Waco, Texas and Kenneth Moerbe, Executive Director of Caritas.

Teacher Resources

- 25 books “Monkey Island” by Paula Fox
- Outline of the ASK Program
- Program Evaluation Sheet
- DVD “Homelessness in Waco”
- “Opening Doors, Unlocking Potential for All” Waco’s 10-year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness
- Panel Biography- Kenneth Moerbe, Executive Director, Caritas and Teri Holtkamp, Homelessness Administrator for City of Waco
- Spring THN Newsletter

Online Resources

additional resources will be listed at www.edlink12.net

- National Center for Homeless Education
<http://www.serve.org/nche/>
- National Coalition for the Homeless
<http://www.nationalhomeless.org/>
- Texas Homeless Network
<http://www.thn.org/>
- Caritas Waco
<http://www.caritas-waco.org/>

Getting Started

Monkey Island is a very moving book about a young man name Clay. Clay’s life is going along fine until his father loses his job and becomes depress. Clay’s father leaves the home. Clay’s mother tries to provide for Clay, but she is expecting another child and ends up leaving Clay alone. Fearing that if he goes to the authorities, he will never see his mother again. He tries to survive in New York City by himself.

Teachers: This novel deals with tough societal issues including racism, homelessness, alcoholism, and unemployment. It is not a happy novel, but it is a powerful story that can be used to teach excellent life skills.

Please return student books, teacher materials, DVD and program evaluation immediately following the video conference program to ESC Region 12 so that other students can participate in this program, too. You may make copies of any of the teacher materials before sending them back. *Contact: Roxanne Glaser, rglaser@esc12.net or 254-297-1150 with any questions.*