

The Folks in My Neighborhood

Activity No. 18



Student Work Sheet

Whether you live in a mobile-home park, an apartment complex, a suburb, downtown, in a row home, in the country, in a small town, on the beach, in the mountains, in a mansion, or in some other situation, you still live in a neighborhood. A neighborhood is composed of the people living near each other; often the neighborhood has distinguishing characteristics, or a "personality" that has developed over a period of time. In this activity you will describe your neighborhood and your place in it. You might want to read Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird* for its emphasis on the importance of neighborhood.

Describe your neighborhood. How does it look? Include descriptions of streets, landscapes, buildings, views. How does it sound? How does it smell? Do sounds and smells change during a twenty-four-hour period? If so, how? How does it change from season to season?

How long have you lived in your neighborhood? How did you get to know various neighbors? Do your neighbors do anything together as a community (such as having a block party or raising money for charities)? Explain.

Who are your closest neighbors? Include information about age, looks, ethnic backgrounds, religions, occupations, children, pets, hobbies, etc. What is your relationship with your neighbors? How does it vary from neighbor to neighbor? Why?
