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# Activity Two

The setting for Holes was inspired by the heat of Texas.  
It takes place in the desert-like area of Green Lake.

**First, RESEARCH a desert region of the United States** such as one that you would find in the state of Arizona or New Mexico.

**Then, create either a DIORAMA or 3D RELIEF MAP** to represent the geographical features and characteristics of this area. Include a mini-model and information about a species that inhabits this region. Include labels and brief description of the features.

**You may want to consider:**

- The land and landforms
  - Vegetation
- Wildlife (species, habitat, food, adaptations etc.)
  - Climate / temperature/ weather patterns
  - Precipitation (if any!)

Use the space below for your initial planning stages.

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# Activity Three



**Good writers use powerful, descriptive language to create pictures in our minds when we are reading. Louis Sachar does just that when he describes the setting of Green Lake with the mountains in the distance.**



Find and study pictures of the desert landscape, or of dry, mountainous areas in the United States. Nevada, New Mexico or Arizona might be a starting point. Pay close attention not only to the landscape, but also to the colors.

Using whatever art supplies and tools you have available, **recreate one of your favorite landscapes.** You can SKETCH, PAINT or even use CHALK and PASTELS. Remember to consider various techniques to create texture and other effects such as smudging, rubbings, cross-hatching etc.

Sign your name on your creation when it is complete and ready for display.

A large rectangular box containing ten horizontal lines, intended for students to draw or sketch their landscape recreations.







# Activity Six

In the novel, Zero grew up homeless and poor. Homelessness and in particular, child poverty are serious problems in our society.

1. **Research** the problem of homelessness and child poverty in our country.
2. Make **jot notes**, including STATISTICS, important FACTS, the EFFECTS, and what is being done to combat these social problems.
3. Next, **take a stand** on the issue. For example, do you think enough is being done to solve this social problem or not?
4. **Write** a POSITION PAPER defending your opinion.

Here is an organizer you may want to consider using when planning your position paper.

<p><b>Introduction:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grabs the reader’s attention</li> <li>• Your stand on the issue is made clear.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Body:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 or 3 arguments to support your position</li> <li>• Support details and facts are needed for each argument.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Conclusion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review your main points</li> <li>• Leave the reader with a strong impression.</li> </ul>	