

# Close-Reading Questions

## "I Was Homeless"

1. What role does each text—the narrative nonfiction, the infographic, and the essay—play in helping you understand homelessness? (text structure)
2. Consider the last sentence of the first section: "They had no money, no jobs, and nowhere to go." What is the tone of this sentence? How do you know? (tone)
3. Although the author focuses on Kevin and his family, "I Was Homeless" isn't just about them. What other information does the article include? Where in the article does this information appear? (text structure)
4. Reread the last two paragraphs on page 8. How does their tone compare to the tone of the rest of the article? (tone; compare and contrast)

# Critical-Thinking Questions

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1. What is the controlling idea, or theme, that unites these three texts? Use text details to support your answers.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Explain how society contributed to Kevin’s family’s becoming homeless and how it contributed to his family getting back on their feet.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Explain what you think the author’s purpose was in writing this article.

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