

Lesson Idea

Key stage 3/4 Literacy Lesson Idea

Creative writing

Ask your students to write a story about one of the following situations

- They see an older student encouraging another boy or girl to do something they shouldn't on the bus. They should consider the following:
 - Why are they doing it?
 - How are the other passengers affected?
 - What does the bus driver do?
 - Explain what action they would take and why.
- A boy or a girl is travelling on a bus which is attacked by vandals. Use the story to show how things can affect innocent people.
- Someone waits for a bus that does not come. Think about what leads up to it (why they are waiting for the bus) and about what happens because the bus does not arrive.

Your students can also use their writing skills to argue for a better bus service:

- Write a letter to a local MP, Councillor or Bus Service Manager with suggestions for improving a local bus service that they use

Research

Your students can use the internet to find out more about:

- What happens to children and young people who are caught vandalising property (for example, look up www.teachingzone.org/btp or www.rizer.co.uk (Paul's Story) or the Youth Justice Board www.youth-justice-board.gov.uk
- Find out the meaning of the terms 'reprimanded' and 'final warning'
- Find out more about Crimestoppers www.crimestoppers-uk.org
- How does the scheme work?
- What have been the successes of the Crimestoppers scheme?
- What they think about the Crimestoppers approach?