

We've included guided journal pages—even a quiz!—to help you brainstorm ideas for your chapter. We've also included some of Hallie's writings to inspire you to write however you want. Use the following pages to jump-start your journal.

Inspiration From Hallie

Superheroes

"Superheroes don't have to be the guys in big red capes or cute little Power Puff Girls. Superheroes can be those people that you see picking up trash on your way to school. It can even be somebody who helps replant forests. They can be people who help at animal shelters, or donate money or food to homeless shelters. Or helping an old lady across the street or feeding a friend's pet while they're away. I know that most kids (while growing up) want to be the kind in red capes. But I want to be the kind of superhero that I just described." –Hallie



Air-Conditioning

"Everyone needs a good education—there's no doubt about that. But let's face facts: It's hard to concentrate when it's hot. When it's hot, flies buzz lazily on the ceiling. When it's hot, everyone wants something to drink, and for school to be over. And when it's hot, the teachers and students can't think of anything but the final bell." –Hallie

"I think writing is important because when people write they can express their feelings, and it makes them feel less uncomfortable. And people can write to feel less bored. (If they are bored.)"

–Hallie

Inspiration From Hallie

Hallie-ism: "sobriety"
The state of being sober, or solemn, seriousness

"Some kids in my classroom (I'm not pointing any fingers) could use a bit more sobriety."

Noise Pollution

"I have always wondered why horns beep with awful noises.

Beep, bonk, honnk, Braaap, Bebeep!

It is like Noise Pollution! The beeping horns, I know for a fact are actually usually a big part of the reason why some people really think of New York as

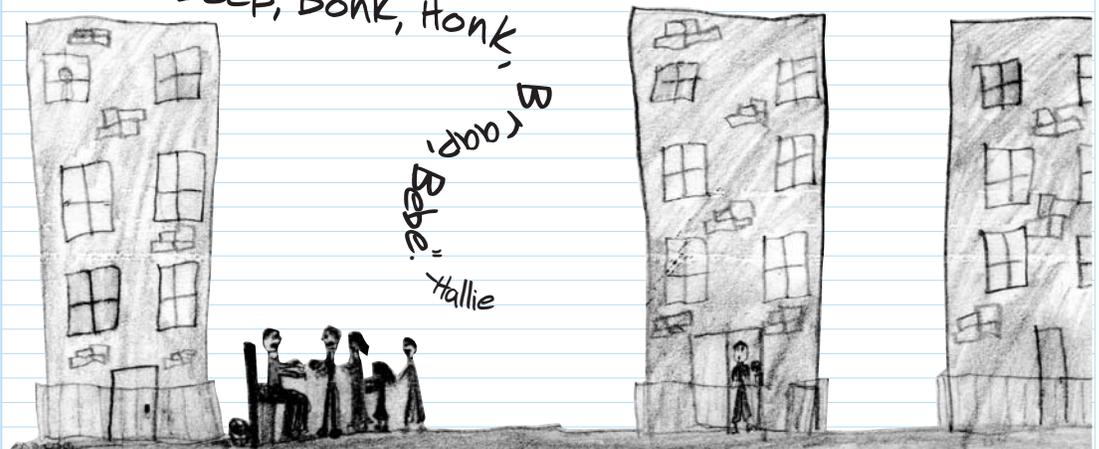
one
big
honnk!

I'm used to it, because I've lived in New York my whole life, but when I travel and go upstate, I'm amazed at how

peaceful and quiet

everything is. I always wonder why horns beep with such an angry sound. I mean, why can't they beep with a Beatles song, or words like "Excuse me, but I think you should go now" in a magnified voice. It would be much much more peaceful

than Beep, Bonk, Honk,



"War is something that should only be played in cards."

Dona [Grant]
Nobis [Us]
Pacem [Peace]
-Hallie