

The Bridge Home Bingo (for grades 4-6)

<p>Viji, in the Bridge Home, is speaking directly to Rukku; the book could be viewed as one long letter. Write a letter to another character in The Bridge Home (not Rukku).</p>	<p>Bananas are Rukku's favorite fruit. What fruit is your favorite? Why? Talk to your family about their most and least favorite foods.</p>	<p>Organize a book drive to collect and donate new or used books to others who may need them.</p>
<p>Do you have a pet or know someone who does? Is it a dog like Kutti? Write a poem about a pet, and read a poem about a pet. If you're having trouble finding a poem about a pet, try to get a copy of <i>Pet Crazy</i> (edited by Sylvia Vardell and Janet Wong).</p>	<p>Look up 6 facts about India. How do you know if something you read or hear is true? How can you figure out if a book or website can be trusted? Maybe a teacher or librarian can help you think about this?</p>	<p>Make a bead necklace or bracelet, or try your hand at another craft that uses beads. Try experimenting with color and pattern.</p>
<p>Viji, Rukku, Muthu and Arul are firm and forever friends. List five things you like about one of your closest and dearest friends.</p>	<p>"Start giving thanks for what you do have" Arul says, in <i>The Bridge Home</i>. Write a poem about something you're grateful for. Try reading the collection <i>ThankU</i> (edited by Miranda Paul) to get an idea of different poetic forms you could use.</p>	<p>How much waste do you create each day? What are some wasteful habits you have? How can you better conserve water, energy and food? Change your actions in some way so your behavior becomes more friendly and caring toward the environment.</p>

The Bridge Home Bingo for Grades 6-10.

<p>Viji, in the Bridge Home, is speaking directly to Rukku; the book could be viewed as one long letter. Write a letter to a newspaper or someone in your community about something you feel strongly about or would like to change.</p>	<p>Create a poster that raises awareness about homelessness and/or hunger.</p>	<p>What is the difference between a house and a home? Write a poem about your sense of home.</p>
<p>In what ways can words and books act as bridges between cultures? In what ways can words divide people? Write an essay on this topic.</p>	<p>Look up 6 facts about India. Discuss with a teacher or librarian how one might be able to test whether the "facts" you've gathered are indeed true or if they may actually be partial truths or maybe even altogether false. Learn some strategies to assess the reliability of different sources.</p>	<p>Find a recipe for an Indian dish and make it, with an adult's help and supervision.</p>
<p>Viji, Rukku, Muthu and Arul speak Tamil. Can you translate a sentence in The Bridge Home into another language? Can you listen to a song in Tamil or another Indian language?</p>	<p>Write a short story that explores the theme of friendship.</p>	<p>How much waste do you create each day? What are some wasteful habits you have? How can you better conserve water and energy? Change your actions in some way so your behavior becomes more environment-friendly and sustainable.</p>