How can the streets of Myanmar and Mount Isa help us to better understand homelessness?

Mount Isa:
- 820 km west of Townsville, 160 km from the Northern Territory border, 350 km south of the Gulf of Carpentaria
- Situated on the traditional lands of the Kalkadoon people- 'the elite of the Aboriginal warriors of Queensland’
- 1884 over 200 massacred at "Battle Mountain" by settlers and police
First Strategy: See Think Wonder
www.pz.harvard.edu/projects/visible-thinking

1. **What do you see** observe, notice as you watch the film?

2. **What do you think** is going on in the film?

3. **What does the film make you wonder?**

Source: ‘Life as a street kid: Thura's story’ (2 mins)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BTEmEaPtMN0
ChildFund Australia, Published on 20 Aug 2014.
Second Strategy: Circle Of Viewpoints Routine
http://www.visiblethinkingpz.org

**Stories from Mt Isa**
Six short films created by Centacare and JETZAk about homelessness in Mt.Isa.

**TERRY** - young indigenous man
**UNCLE CLIVE** - respected elder
**MICK** – local truck driver
**CHRIS** - team leader at Centacare
**CLAUDINE** – soup kitchen volunteer
**CAROL** – no longer homeless

[https://vimeo.com/channels/homelessness/videos](https://vimeo.com/channels/homelessness/videos)

Brainstorm a list of different perspectives and then use this script skeleton to explore each one:

I AM THINKING OF ...*homelessness in Mt Isa* ... FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF...the viewpoint you’ve chosen

I THINK...describe the topic from your viewpoint. Be an actor--take on the character of your viewpoint

A QUESTION I HAVE FROM THIS VIEWPOINT IS...ask a question from this viewpoint
Third Strategy: Connect Extend Challenge
http:www.visiblethinkingpz.org

1. How is the information presented in the image CONNECTED to what you already know?

2. What new ideas do you get that EXTEND or push your thinking in new directions?

3. What is still CHALLENGING or confusing for you to get your mind around? What questions do you now have about homelessness in Mt Isa?

Links to the homelessness issue in Australia

• Homelessness growing worse in Australia, census data shows. By Joanna Crothers. Updated 14 Mar 2018, 5:45pm

• Think there are no homeless people in your area? Think again. Interactive Digital Storytelling team By Catherine Hanrahan. Updated 21 Mar 2018, 9:58am

• Sleeping rough is not our path. Tyrena Punjaub knows plenty of homeless teenagers in Mount Isa. 11 April 2013, 6:56pm

• YPA hosts cook off for youth week in Mount Isa. 4 April 2017, 12:41pm