

ELEMENTARY WRITING ACTIVITY

The back yard and the basement

It had been like this before. I could remember how it would get hot, and how good the heat was, and how I would lie out in the back yard on an airing mattress, and how the mattress would get hot and dry and smell like a hot mattress full of sun, and how the sun would make me want to sleep, and how sometimes, I would go down into the basement to feel coolness, and how the cellar smelled as cellars always smell – a kind of cool, stale smell or cobwebs and of grimy bottles. *The Lost Boy* p.66

Writing Exercise: Think of your back yard, front yard or your basement. Write about it so that someone else could draw a picture of it. When you are finished writing, pass your paper to another student and then have them draw a picture from your description. You will receive a description to draw, from another student.