**No Place (Todd Strasser)  
Discussion Questions**

Write a thoughtful question that you will ask of your group.

**→**At the age of 17, Dan reflects that “when you are a kid, things are mostly black and white, good and bad. Then you get to be a teenager and you start to see the hues in between.”

**Talk about what part Dan’s brain development and adolescent cognitive abilities are represented in this passage.**

**Can you think of a specific example in your life that as a teenager you started to see the “hues in between”?**

**→**Over the past few years I’ve heard some pretty awful things said about the character of Talia. **Think about her and identify the developmental reasons that she acts the way she does.**

**→**Which character do you think showed the most change over the course of the book? In what way did they change? What changed them?

**→**This book is written about a character who is an adolescent and is on the cusp of making a major transition in his life (college). Why do you think Strasser chose a character this age?  
**→**What actions/reactions in the book are typically what you would expect for someone Dan’s age? Why?

**→**Was there a character who surprised you?

**→**Was there a character who infuriated you? (Ok. Now besides, Talia, who else? Ha!)

**→**How do you think people in Birmingham and the surrounding areas would react if a “Dignitiyville” was started?

In the last sentence of the book Strasser asks, “How is it possible that so many of the problems people faced back then [Great Depression] are still the problems we face today?”

How does our current global/national situation compare the Great Depression?  
Why can’t we solve these problems?  
Do you know of programs or initiatives that have helped?