

**Workshop 4: Stolen Childhoods****Reading 1 Project: Life in the Dumps**  
**Tariah's Diary**

*Tariah has a hard life. What might she write in her diary about a day of work?*

**Project:** Write one entry in Tariah's diary.

**Procedure****1. Brainstorm ideas.**

List details that you might want to include in your diary entry, such as:

- How does Tariah feel about starting another day of work?
- What is it like to pick through the trash?
- Who does she see and talk to while she works?
- How does she feel when the day is over?

You can make up ideas about things and people that Tariah might see.

**2. Write a draft.**

Be sure to write as if you were Tariah. For example, "When I woke up this morning, I hated the idea of going back to the dumps. My legs were aching, and the cuts on my fingers were stinging."

**3. Present your work.**

Read your entry to others. Talk about how it relates to what you read about Tariah in your *rBook*.