

ACTIVITY GUIDE

The Okee Dokee Brothers – Children’s Musicians

Writing/Essay/Journal

Children's folk musicians Joe Mailander and Justin Lansing make up the Grammy Award-winning band The Okee Dokee Brothers. While not *biological* brothers, the two explored the world together as children and feel like they are as close as brothers. Do you have a friend you are so close to that you feel they are like your brother or your sister? Write about that relationship and what makes your bond so special and close.



Activity

In their song *Thousand Star Hotel*, The Okee Dokee Brothers use the following metaphor to enliven their description of sleeping by the Mississippi River:

*I'm sleeping in a 1000-star hotel
gold leaf pillow for my head
I feel like a king on a king-size river bed
I'm sleeping in a 1000-star hotel*

Work in small groups to invent your own three-part metaphor to describe an activity or event in which you've participated.