



THE PEARL by John Steinbeck

Activity: A Dream Come True

As you read, all of Kino's dreams were wrapped up in his Pearl of the World. He saw visions of a new life within the pearl's beautiful "incandescence." He had visions of new clothes for his wife, himself in "new white clothes" with a hat, "not a straw hat" either. His son wore a little sailor suit "from the United States." He wanted *all* these things. In essence, he wanted a better life for himself and his family. Near the beginning of Chapter IV, Kino's neighbors spoke of what they would do if they found the pearl and how they hoped it would not destroy Kino.

Suppose you came into sudden great fortune by inheriting some money, winning a contest, or finding something of great value that you were allowed to keep. Answer the questions below to make a plan for using your new-found wealth.

1. How much money would you like to have? (Be realistic!)
2. What are some things you would like to have for yourself, and how much does each cost?
3. What are some things you like to have for your family, and how much does each cost?
4. What are your favorite charities, and how much money or what items would you like to donate to each?
5. Would you save or invest some of the money? Where would you put it? Why?
6. How would you change if you had this money? Would your personality be different?
7. How do you think other people would treat you? Is that different from the way you are treated now?



- Write a budget for your new-found wealth and present it to a small group of your classmates. Listen to their reactions and suggestions. Then, finalize your plan.