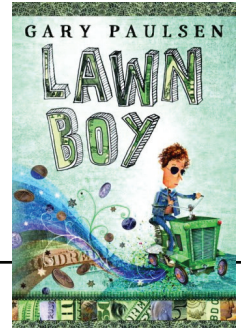


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Check for understanding with the following questions:

Foreward:

⇒ In the foreward, what was the character's motivation for wanting to earn money? (pg.2)

Chapter 1:

⇒ List the events that led Lawn Boy to begin his lawn service. (pg. 8)

Chapter 2:

⇒ Create an equation that represents the total amount of income Lawn Boy made from mowing his neighbors' yard. (pg. 10)

⇒ Create an equation that represents the amount of money that Lawn Boy earns per hour. (pg.10)

*****Conection to "Free-Market Economy" in **Show Me the Money** (pgs. 58-59) and "Market Economy" consumable.*

⇒ What does the author mean when he writes, "Later I would learn that I had tapped into something called an expanding market economy"? (pg.11)

Chapter 3:

⇒ What are some of the advantages and disadvantages that occur when Lawn Boy begins mowing the larger lawns in the "richer" neighborhoods? (pg. 14)

⇒ Create an equation that represents the total amount of income that Lawn Boy could make in a week; by the end of the summer. (pg. 15)

Optional - Discussion/Quick Write Chapters 3 & 4:

*****Connection to "Playing the Market" in **Show Me the Money** (pg. 26)*

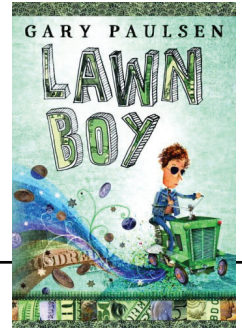
*****Additional vocabulary/concepts: barter, trade, stock , shares, stock market, stockbroker*

⇒ Why did Lawn Boy agree to mow Arnold's lawn? What deal does Lawn Boy make with Arnold since Arnold can't pay him for mowing his yard? (pgs. 17-23)

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Chapter 4:

*****Connection to **Show Me the Money** and “Market Economy” consumable.*

- ⇒ Describe the problem that Lawn Boy is facing. As a solution, Arnold tells Lawn Boy about “supply and demand”. What is supply and demand? Describe the advice that Arnold gives to Lawn Boy and how his advice relates to supply and demand.
- ⇒ What does Arnold mean when he says “Entrepreneurship at its finest—there are no impossibilities, just hurdles to be overcome.”? Who is Arnold talking about, what “hurdles” does that character face and how does he overcome them? (pg. 24)

Chapter 5:

- ⇒ What benefit does Lawn Boy get from being the “boss” of his lawn service? How does this connect to the real world and how businesses are run? (pg.28)

*****Connection to **Show Me the Money** and “Market Economy” consumable.*

- ⇒ Describe what Arnold tells Lawn Boy he should do with the money that he has earned so far. (pg. 29)

Chapter 6:

*****Connection to **Show Me the Money***

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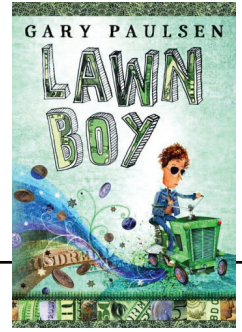
*****Connection to **Show Me the Money***

- ⇒ What words does Arnold mean when he says “Free-market industry and capitalism at their best. It’s like watching a really good documentary about business.” What is a “free-market industry”? (pg.36)

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Chapter 7:

- ⇒ Describe the conversation between Arnold and Lawn Boy and the problem that Lawn Boy is facing (pg.41)

Chapter 8:

- ⇒ How much money has Lawn Boy made in just a month?

Optional - Discussion/Quick Write Chapter 8:

*****Connection to "Playing the Market" in **Show Me the Money** (pg. 26)*

*****Additional vocabulary/concepts: invest, stock, shares, stock market, commission*

- ⇒ Lawn Boy invested \$40.00 from Arnold. Describe how that investment grew. (pg. 47)

Chapter 9:

- ⇒ Why can't Lawn Boy "see" his money? (pg. 49)
- ⇒ Who is Joseph Powdermilk and what is his relationship to Lawn Boy? (pg. 49)

Chapter 11:

*****Connection to **Show Me the Money***

- ⇒ Why do you think Lawn Boy is having a hard time telling his parents about the money that he has earned so far? What do you think that Lawn Boy is planning on doing with the money and how could you use the word "philanthropy" to describe Lawn Boy? (pg. 68)

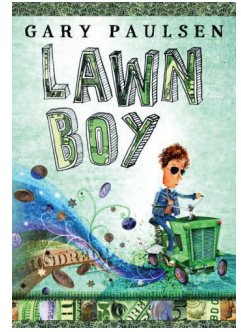
Chapter 12:

- ⇒ What does Lawn Boy mean when he says he wants to "Keep my hand in" when he tells Arnold that he is going to mow the Beckwith lawn? How has Lawn Boy's role in his business changed from the beginning of the story until now? (pg. 70)

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Chapter 15:

- ⇒ By the end of the book, how much money had Lawn Boy earned? Create an equation that represents the total amount of money Lawn Boy earns when his stock increased to \$40.00 a share.
- ⇒ What does Lawn Boy's grandmother mean when she said, "Grandpa always said, take care of our tools and they'll take care of you."?