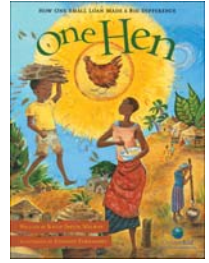


One Hen

How One Small Loan Made A Big Difference

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Text Dependent Questions



Check for understanding with the following discussions:

Pages 5 - 7

- ⇒ Kojo's life and the reason he is so tired.
- ⇒ In the beginning of the story, why do you think the author describes Kojo's house?
- ⇒ Visualize Kojo's village. What are some words from the text that helped you create your picture?
- ⇒ Each family purchases something different with their share of the loan. Note the significance of each family's choice and identify similarities among the choices?

Pages 15 - 24

- ⇒ Kojo faces many challenges in making his dreams come true. Discuss these challenges.
- ⇒ Using a map, highlight the places named on page 24. Discuss Kojo's success.

TDQ's

- ⇒ What is a loan and why is it important to Kojo's family? (pg. 6-7)
- ⇒ Describe the importance of the items Kojo and his mother choose to buy. (pg. 6-7)
- ⇒ Using details from the text, explain what the author means when he writes, "Bit by bit, one small hen is making a big difference"? (p.11)
- ⇒ Throughout the story, Kojo's dream changes. Identify and explain the changes in his dream.
- ⇒ Explain the reason the second banker changed his mind about lending Kojo enough money to purchase 900 hens. (pg. 16)
- ⇒ Kojo's village has changed from the beginning of the story to the end of the story. Using text and picture evidence found on pages 4 and 18, describe the changes the village has experienced.

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- ⇒ How did Kojo's dream impact the community and the other families that live in the village?(pg.20-24)
- ⇒ Discuss why Adika chose to ask Kojo for a loan. What impact does Kojo's choice have on Adika's family, the town and the country of Ghana?(pg.23)
- ⇒ Think back to the beginning of the story and the ways the families in the village helped one another to buy something important – Connection to page 23 – how is the way they help each other the same and different?
- ⇒ Describe the ways that Kojo has gone from helping his mom to helping his country.
- ⇒ In what way could you describe the theme or central message of "One Hen"?

Quick Writes

****Connection to Market Economy

- ⇒ Make a chart - Kojo's decisions he makes - opportunity costs? Impact? Compare yourself to Kojo.
- ⇒ What is Kojo's dream? Describe what he needs in order to make it happen. Discuss if his dream is a need or a want using evidence from the text.
- ⇒ Using clues from the text explain the term "practical". Describe how the school that Kojo goes to is similar to your school. Describe how his school is different.
- ⇒ After reading page 16, discuss what Kojo's dream is now and how it may or may not have changed. What is Kojo's dream now?
- ⇒ Describe the risk that Kojo takes. Describe who or what would be affected if Kojo fails?

****Connection to Show Me the Money

- ⇒ What challenges does Kojo face in making his dream happen? What is one word that you could use to describe Kojo? What details in the text support your thinking? What actions does Kojo take throughout his life in order to accomplish his dreams?