



Very Rich

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Pre-reading questions

1. If you could time travel any time or place in the world, where would you go? Why?
2. Talk to your grown-ups about when they were kids, teenagers, or young adults. What was different about them before they became parents?
3. This book is set in (place or time). Have you read any other books with a similar setting? What genre or setting is your favorite to read?

Post-reading questions

1. It's hard to tell the time period setting of *Very Rich*. What time period do you think the author wanted you to envision while you were reading the book?
2. This book had a lot of funny and interesting characters. Who were your favorite and least favorite characters? Why?
3. Out of all the adventures Rupert goes on in the book, which would you choose? Why?
4. In one part of the book, Uncle Moffatt buys Rupert a new suit. Do you think this was a good gift? Why do you think Uncle Moffatt wanted to buy Rupert a suit instead of something more practical?
5. ****Spoiler alert**** Turgid and Rupert travel to the future and discover that Turgid is the President of the United States at age 69. Where do you think you'll be and what will you be doing at age 69?
6. ****Spoiler alert**** Throughout the book, many well-meaning people try to help Rupert. His biggest need is food since his family does not have enough food. However, throughout all his adventures, he doesn't get to eat! What do you think he would have rather had- food or adventures?
7. This book shows the differences between very rich and very poor people. What were the main differences that you noticed? Have you seen any of these differences in your own community? Discuss what you can do as a student to help.

Post-reading activities

1. One of the themes in this book is poverty and hunger. Do some research on childhood hunger in the United States. Create an infographic showing your findings. Follow the guidelines at tomesociety.org/competitions to enter your infographic into the Tome Infographic competition.
2. Come up with a Like/Try/Why for this book. Create a social media post advertising a book that you recommend to readers and why the book is similar to *Very Rich* or would appeal to a reader who enjoyed the book. Follow the guidelines to enter it into the Tome Like/Try/Why competition.

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