

SENIOR TWO TERM THREE – ACTIVITIES FOR PRACTICE:
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FOLLOW UP ACTIVITY

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Read the extract below and answer the questions that follow

All manner of people grew interested in Kino –people with things to sell and people with favours to ask. Kino had found the Pearl of the World. Every man suddenly became related to Kino's pearl and Kino's pearl went into the dreams, the speculations, the schemes, the plans, the futures, the wishes, the needs, the lusts, the hungers, of everyone and only one person stood in the way and that was Kino, so that he became curiously every man's enemy. The news of Kino and the pearl **stirred up** something infinitely black and evil in the town; but Kino and his wife Juana did not know this. They were happy and they thought that everyone shared their joy. Their house was **crowded with neighbours**. Kino held the great pearl in his hand and it felt warm and alive in his hand. The neighbours looked at the pearl and wondered how luck could come to any man they way it had to Kino.

When some of them asked him what he would do now that he had become a rich man, Kino looked at the pearl and **pictures formed in his mind** of the things he would do. Things which in the past he had given up on. In the pearl he imagined him and his wife and child Coyotito standing at the high altar and they were being married. He spoke softly: 'We will be married – in church.' In the pearl he saw how they were dressed- Juana in a new shawl and from under the long skirt she would wear new shoes. He himself would be in a new white clothes and he would carry a new hat not one of straw. He would wear new shoes too and not sandals. His son would wear a blue sailor suit from the United States. 'We will have new clothes.'

In the pearl he saw Coyotito sitting at a little desk in school, dressed in a jacket and he had on a white collar and a broad silken tie. 'My son will go to school.' 'My son will read and open the books and my son will write and will know writing. And my son will make numbers and these

things will make us free because we will know – he will know and **through him we will know**. This is what the pearl will do,’ said Kino.

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Questions

1. Why were the people now interested in Kino?
2. What was the general feeling of the people about Kino’s luck?
3. Write down the list of the things which Kino dreamt of doing.
4. How do you think Kino was going to use what he had found to do the things he dreamt of doing?
5. Give the meanings of the following words and phrases as used in the passage:
 - i) All manner of people
 - ii) ‘Stirred up’
 - iii) ‘Crowded with neighbours’
 - iv) ‘Pictures formed in his mind’
 - v) ‘Through him we will know’
6. Write a suitable title for this passage.