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From: *The People, Yes*

By Carl Sandburg

Money is power: so said one.

Money is a cushion: so said another

Money is the root of evil: so said still another

Money means freedom: so runs an old saying.

And money is all of these- and more.

Money pays for whatever you – want if

you have the money.

Money buys food, clothes, houses, land,

Guns, jewels, men, women, time to be lazy and

listen to music.

Money buys everything except love,

personality, freedom, immortality,

silence, peace

**Extension Questions:**

1) This poem’s subject is money. **List** the different things that money is/is not and can buy/can’t buy:

Money is/can buy:

Money is not/can’t buy:

2) Identify the poet’s tone toward the subject of the poem, i.e., does the poet look at money in a positive or negative way? **Justify** your claim using the poem as evidence (cite where you see the positive or negative aspects).

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3) Some have argued that the poem can be interpreted as two people arguing about what money symbolizes. Suppose this poem was an argument between Kino and Juana. Think back to the book. Identify which lines would belong to each character. I have copied the poem again below. Highlight lines and attach Juana or Kino's name to them. Then, below you answer, justify your decisions. Lastly, who do you think won the argument and explain.

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4) Write your own poem about what money is and money is not. Use this starter…

(Attach additional paper if you need)

Money is…

Money isn’t…