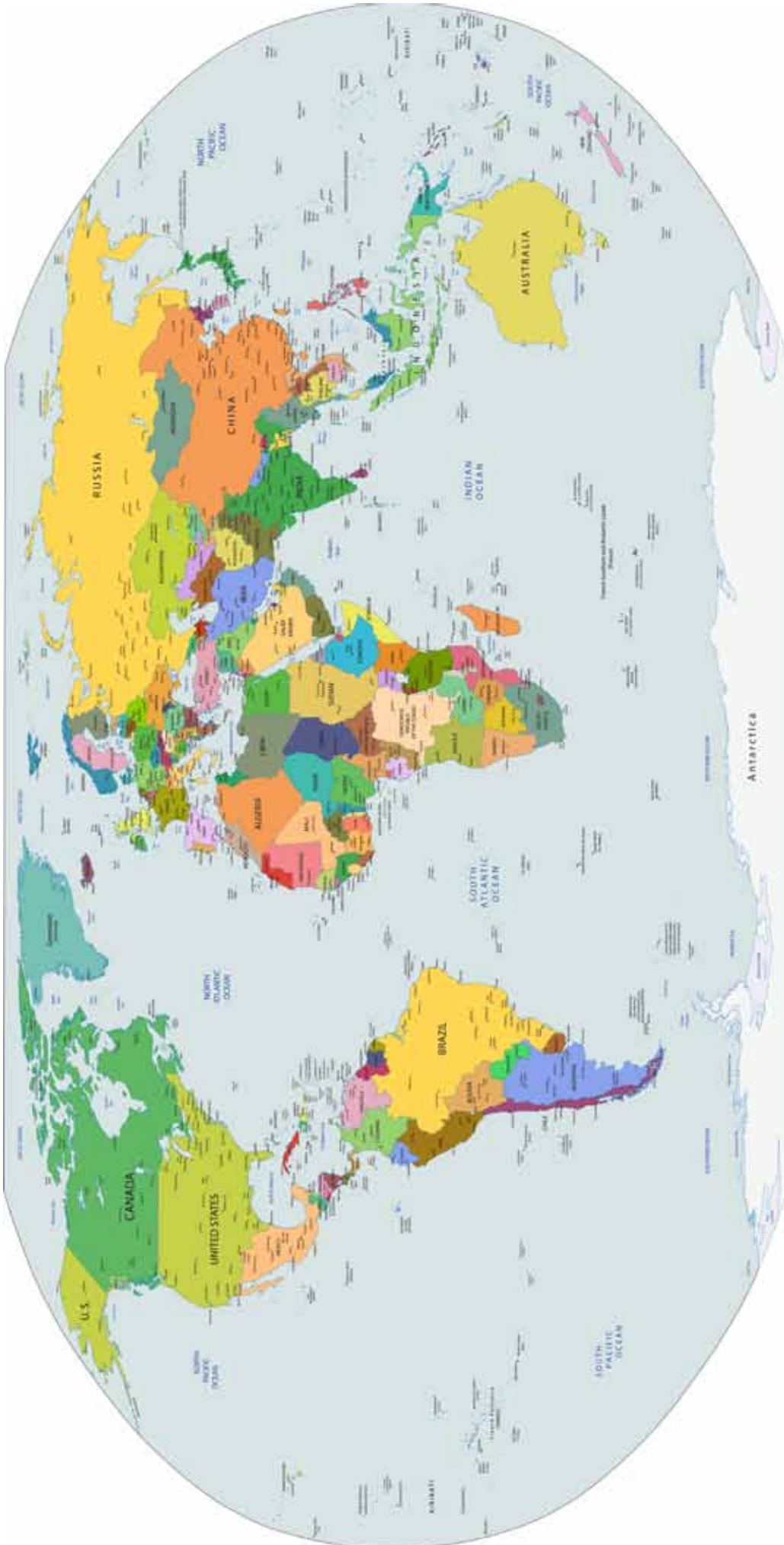


Business Book Reviews

Read *Secret Millionaires Club* and one of these titles: *The Toothpaste Millionaire*, *Lawn Boy*, *The Lemonade War*, *Lulu Walks the Dogs*, or *Johnny Swanson*. Write a review of your selected book, guided by this worksheet. Number the paragraphs of your review to match the prompts below.

1. Write the title and author of your selected book.
2. Write a one-paragraph summary of the story.
3. Does the story start with the main character wanting to earn money? If so, for what? Is that character seeking money to fill a *want* or a *need*? Is his or her motive greed, generosity, charity, standing up for a principle, or something else? If the story doesn't start with the main character wanting to earn money, what changes during the story to make him or her want money?
4. How does the main character try to earn money? What does he or she learn about making money by making mistakes? Does that character achieve his or her goals?
5. After reading *Secret Millionaires Club*, choose one of the business principles presented by Warren Buffett that relates to your selected story. Explain how it relates, how the characters use it in the story, or how the characters would have benefitted from using it better.
6. Based on your reading, describe an idea you have for a business you could start to earn money toward a goal you have right now. Why is it a good idea for you? How could you apply one or more of Buffett's "secret" principles to help you succeed?
7. Share your opinion of your selected book. First, write what you learned about business by reading it, then write whether you liked the book or not and why. Would you recommend it to a friend?



Discussion: Wants and Needs

Help students understand and distinguish between *wants* and *needs*, using these prompts. *Show Me the Money* introduces the topic on pages 38-41; the PBS Kids in the bibliography has good articles.

- What do you spend your money on? (Make a list of everyone's answers.)
- What does your family spend money on? (Make a second list.)
- Look at the lists. Which things do you really need to live? (Circle the actual needs, like food, clothing, rent, etc.)
- The circled items are things we really need. The others are wants, but aren't necessary to keep us alive and well.
- Look at the first list—things you spend money on. Are they mostly needs or wants? (They are probably mostly wants.) Why? (Parents probably supply most needs.)
- If your family didn't have enough money to buy everything it would like to, what should you buy first—needs or wants?
- Name some things that might be wants for some people and needs for others. (Like the car example in *Show Me the Money*, depending on where you live and what your transportation needs are, or a winter coat, depending on where you live or whether you already have one that fits.)

Explain that many families around the country and the world don't have enough money for food and shelter, let alone wants like toys or vacations, or the latest designer clothes.