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*The Pursuit of Happyness* (2006) Viewing Guide for Students (30 Points)
“You want something. You go get it. Period.” --Chris Gardner

Part I. Before Viewing – Small Group Info Share

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Part II. While Viewing – Take Notes

1. At the beginning of the movie, what roadblocks does Chris have to overcome in improving his life?
2. What sacrifices did Chris have to make to get a better job?
3. What did Chris do to stand out among the other interns?
4. Describe how Chris used networking to his advantage in getting an internship at Dean Witter and signing new clients.
5. Chris reminisces about getting As on his exams and dreaming about all the wonderful things he could become, yet he observes that he didn’t become any of those things. Why do you think this happened?
6. Name three of the Six Es of Excellence and describe how Chris demonstrates them.
7. How did Chris demonstrate the four problem-solving techniques?
8. During the interview at *Dean Witter*, Martin Froh asked Chris “What would you say if a guy walked in for an interview without a shirt on and I hired him! What would you say?” What was Chris’s response?
9. If you were in Chris’s position would you have attended the interview covered in paint? Why or why not? What did this show about Chris’s drive?

Chart #1 🡪 What are some of the challenges Chris Gardner faced when trying to sell his bone density scanners? List the challenges that the main character must overcome to achieve success. Include both external challenges and internal struggles. List 10.

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Chart #2 🡪 What were three financial decisions that Chris made during the *Pursuit of Happyness* and describe the consequences that resulted.

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| Decision | Consequence |
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Part III. After Viewing – Reflection

At the end of the film we learn that Chris became a multimillion and successful stockbroker.
In your opinion, what made Chris the happiest?