

## The Pearl Essay

Sometimes you really want something, but you don't want what comes with it. In the book The Pearl by John Steinbeck, Kino really wanted wealth but didn't want what came with it. Sometimes things you want absolutely you don't need or want at all.

One thing that wealth brought Kino was harm to his family. Some men were tracking Kino with guns hunting for the pearl. They shot at Kino's baby half-heartedly thinking it was a coyote. "And in the surface of the pearl he saw Cyotito lying in the little cave with the top of his head shot off" (page 89). This shows that he lost his only son for wealth. He lost one of the most important things in his life for lifeless money. This he definitely didn't want.

Kino was always on the alert since he found the pearl. Now he never took a break to relax or admire the sea like he loved to do before the pearl. "The music of evil of the enemy sounded but it was faint and weak." (Page 27) He was always looking, waiting for something bad to happen to the pearl that he now jumps at the smallest things.

Kino probably didn't want to have to kill people to keep his wealth. Wealth isn't worth lives. A man attacked Kino, so he had to defend himself. "A dead

man in the path and Kino's knife dark bladed" (pages 60-61). Since Kino had to kill a man to keep his wealth, now his life can never be the same. He and his family were attacked for money. People's lives are in jeopardy because of some petty wealth. Also who in their right mind wants people attacking them.

In conclusion he would have had a better quality of life with the pearl but who would want money if it came at such a horrid price. In real life today sometimes you want a better job but can't handle the work and responsibility that comes with it. So sometimes what you think you really want you don't want at all.