



## Prime Baby Discussion Guide

The book you have just read is an “edu-comic,” or graphic novel, that recounts President of Earth Thaddeus K. Fong’s first brush with greatness. Looking back on this time, we can see that the world was a very different place, but President Fong’s brilliance, as always, shines through. As you think about this historical period and the events depicted in this edu-comic, here are some questions that may help you better respond to the text.

Thaddeus K. Fong was clearly a remarkable child, and he has grown up to be an even more remarkable adult. Do remarkable adults always have a remarkable childhood? Use at least three specific examples to illustrate your argument.

Thaddeus is shocked to find that something he learns in school is useful in real life. What things have you learned in school that are useful in real life? Bonus points are awarded to those who compose their response as a powerpoint and present it at the next meeting of the town school board.

The alien’s actions in arriving on earth – giving away socks and lunches for free, openly advocating and developing photosynthetic power as a replacement for gasoline – are a clear strike against the United States’ capitalist culture of 2011. Create a timeline of the fall of capitalism, beginning with the aliens’ arrival and ending with the global adoption of the gifts-based economic-cultural system in 2035.

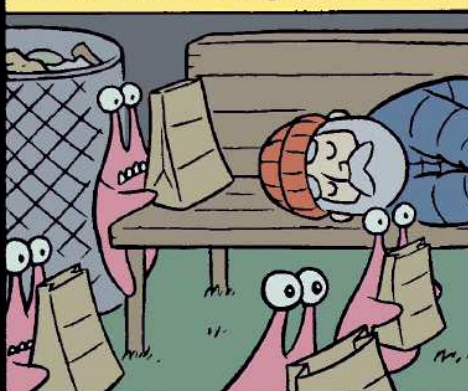
Is your sister an alien portal to another dimension? How about your brother? Either of your parents? Grandparents? How can you be sure?

Think about what you know about President Fong. Can you see how his ideals grew out of his experiences as a child? Name three things that happened to Thaddeus K. Fong in this book that influenced him as an adult and leader of this world. Be sure to clearly explain the connection between his experiences as a child and as an adult.

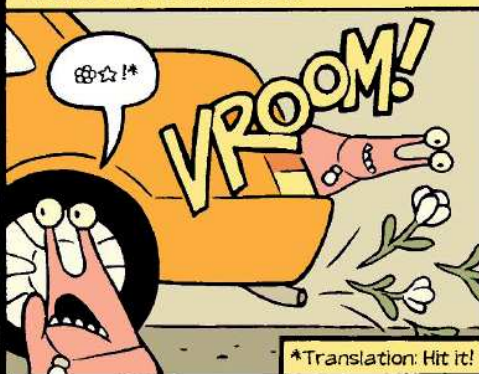
The arrival of the aliens was the beginning of the custom of the daily global sing-along. Who had sing-alongs prior to 2011? How has their purpose changed?

Thaddeus K. Fong became the President of Earth in the year 2041. How has the world changed between then and 2011, when this book took place? Compose your answer as a five-paragraph essay. Remember to touch on the following essential subjects: aliens, hydroelectricity, the atomic composition of table salt, medieval knitting patterns, the fourteen punctuation marks in the English Language, Malaysia, and the color orange.

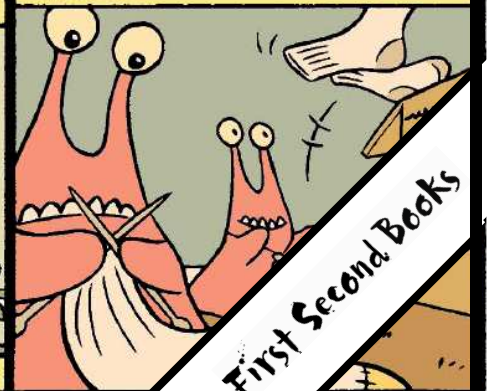
This week has been a disaster. Every morning, the alien slugs make sandwiches and pass them out to the bums living in a nearby park.



In the afternoons, they work on my dad’s car, using their advanced alien technology to modify his engine so that it emits tulips instead of carbon monoxide.



Then in the evenings, they knit socks for victims of various natural disasters around the world.



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