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1. I think the purpose of Classopoly is to show a lot of different things about society. A very interesting thing that stuck with me was when the person that is underclass was faced with impossible situations, Dr. Grether would just say “C’mon, pull yourself up by your bootstraps, work harder!” when there was literally no option for them to get money. There is a lot of commentary on how the rich get richer, and the poor just seem to stay that way.
2. I think it was quite eye opening. It was rather aggravating to not have much money, and just struggle to go anywhere up, while the rich just seemed to get money without doing much at all. I really liked how there were separate societal classes--it was a fantastic showcase of how money really does seem to make or break someone’s comfortability in life.
3. Classopoly really showed me how although it’s the “American Dream” to “pull yourself up by your bootstraps and make a success out of yourself,” it’s way easier said than done.
4. This class activity relates perfectly to Schwalbe’s paper of *Differences and Inequalities*. It’s written that, “In each case that inequality means that some people have advantages over others--more specifically, they have better chances to live good lives.” This is a great commentary on the context, as those who are less fortunate are plainly just born into

worse odds of a subjectively “good” life, while the richer are obviously well off--and thus will have to worry about the things the lower classes would.

5. I can relate this to my life, because it really showed me quite well that it's just way easier said than done to “pull yourself up by your bootstraps” in life, and improve your social status. It humbles me, and I respect others and their struggles far more.