L.B.'s business has diversified. Use the graphic organizer below to show all the different types of work L.B. is doing now.

Not only has L.B. started doing more different kinds of work, but he has many more employees, too. How is he handling his business finances at this point? _____

In your opinion, is this the best way for him to be managing his money? _____

Why? _____

Arnold tells L.B. that having all the workers meet at his house every morning was not efficient. How could this waste time and resources? _____

_____

Arnold also shares that some of the neighbors are not happy with having so many people congregate on the street every day. How might this be a problem? _____

What is L.B.'s solution to these problems? _____

plot = what happens in a story

This is a turning point in the story. Until this point in the story, L.B. has seen himself as a worker and has not acted much as a boss. Now the plot changes. How does L.B.'s job change?

L.B. has so many employees that he can't just mow lawns any more.
L.B. needs help and hires his first employees.
L.B. starts getting mowing jobs.
L.B. gets a lawn mower for his birthday.
Exposition: L.B. is a broke middle schooler.

PLOT

rising action

Why did Paulsen choose this title for the chapter? We know that economic means about _____, and expansion means _____. At first, L.B.'s business portfolio only included _____, but is has diversified to include such services as _____, _____, and _____. So the title, "Economic Expansion Combined with Portfolio Diversification" describes how L.B. _____.

PREDICT

How many of your predictions for this chapter were correct? ____

What do you think will happen in the next chapter?

1) I predict _____ because _____.
2) I predict _____ because _____.
3) I predict _____ because _____.

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