The Pursuit of Happyness – Discussion Questions
Introduction to Business & Marketing

Directions: Consider the career-related themes from the movie. Answer each question below in complete sentences. Use specific examples from the movie to justify your response.

1. In the beginning of the movie, does Chris Gardner (Will Smith’s character) have a job or a career? Describe what he does for a living.

2. Does Chris Gardner’s wife have a job or a career? Explain her situation.

3. Chris Gardner decides to try a new career. What is it, and what are his reasons for choosing it?

4. Throughout the process of trying to start a new career, several major life changes happen to Chris Gardner and his son. What kinds of life changes did they go through? Why did things get so bad?

5. In the end, was it worth it for Chris Gardner? What skills or traits did he possess that helped him to be successful?