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1st errand: Al Gore attended the same law school as his mother did. Using Volume 3-4 of the Supplement to The Encyclopedia of the Democratic Party, find the entry on Albert Gore and the name of the college where he studied law. Check the online catalog for the location of this volume. The Library Queen may help you get started. You will also need to pick up a picture of the mascot for Al Gore’s law school alma mater and record the answer on your answer sheet.

Pick up your second errand in the box on the table marked Errand #2.

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Find the poster of Don Quixote.

2nd errand: Greg’s second errand was to “chase windmills.” Iggy asks Greg to find out about windmills and wind power and uses a Don Quixote windmill phrase meaning someone who attacks imaginary enemies. Use a computer in the classroom to find what that Don Quixote windmill phrase is.

Record your answer on the answer sheet; then pick up your token and third errand at the end of Table #1 in the classroom.
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3rd errand: Greg's third errand was to interview a leading expert in cellulosic ethanol, Professor Lee Lynd of Dartmouth College in New Hampshire. Ethanol is one of many alternatives to fossil fuels. There is much debate over it as a green energy source; however, these biofuels are providing a lot of new jobs.

If Greg and Iggy were to have their bet today, they might want to talk to one of our professors to see if there is a course in biofuels listed in the Associate Degree program for Diesel Technology at Massasoit Community College. Sounds like a great career! Your errand is to find out if there is a course in biofuels (yes or no).

Record your answer on the answer sheet; add the flier on the Massasoit Diesel Program to your collection and pick up errand #4.

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4th errand: Greg’s fourth errand was to find a “fence swinger,” a person or business that tries harder to achieve, someone who swings for the fence (baseball metaphor). Follow the footsteps to complete your baseball errand.

This year is the 100th anniversary of Fenway Park, now a National Landmark. Using a computer at the Table #2 and Google or baseball-statistics.com, find the distance to the far right field fence in Fenway.

Choose the correct answer from the three choices on your answer sheet, take a token for your collection and pick up errand #5 at the end of table #2.
5th errand: Greg’s fifth errand, to find renewable heat, sent him and Iggy to Fort Knox, Kentucky. Iggy was very interested in the gold reserves kept there; however, Greg’s errand was to check out one of the largest geothermal heating and cooling facilities in the world. Geothermal heating and cooling systems are providing green jobs for now and into the future. Massasoit does not offer a program or course in this area; however, I wonder if Fort Knox does?

Go back to a computer; pull up a Google search on green jobs training at envirotools.org. See if there is any training around the Brockton area.

Record your answer (closest town/city to Brockton) and pick up a gold coin in the “treasure box” at the front of the room. The coin is marked with your next destination.

6th errand: Greg’s sixth errand was to explore the greening of the corporate world. Greg and Iggy visited Walmart’s headquarters in Arkansas. Their investigation found that, although there is much debate over Walmart’s labor practices, the company does practice some good environmental habits.

Go back to the classroom, find the Wal-Mart website and, on your answer sheet, list three ways in which the company is environmentally friendly.
This is a scavenger hunt game fashioned after the *Amazing Race* on television and the errands Iggy sent Greg on in the book, *Greasy Rider*. Your task is to complete the 6 errands, collecting information to fill out the answer sheet and “tokens” to prove you completed each task. When finished with the scavenger hunt, return your answer sheet to the box on the Library Queen’s desk. Keep the “tokens” as remembrances of the game and a task well-done.

Greg’s first errand was to hunt down the ultimate green home. He believed this was an easy task because, certainly, Al Gore, former vice president and environmental advocate, would have the greenest home in America. Check out the bulletin board at the front of the Library to find out if Greg was right and pick up your first errand from the Library Queen.