

Social Studies 7

Unit One: Introduction to Empowerment

Chapter 3, "Economic Security"

Assignment

Preamble:

Pretend you are a young adult striking out into the world on your own, a mature citizen with all the rights and responsibilities that comes with being independent. You are excited and anticipate a busy year. However, there are many things that must be done in order to live comfortably. You find a job and begin to work, but quickly discover that living independently from your parents is costly.

Instructions:

Step #1:

- ▶ Create a list of items you require to live comfortably in Bishop's Falls on a monthly basis. Assume that you have the basic amenities of life (bed, couch, stove, toothbrush, etc.). Use the following headings to organize your list.
 - A) Food
 - B) Shelter
 - C) Clothing
 - D) Transportation
 - E) Communication
 - F) Entertainment

Step#2:

- ▶ Calculate an approximate cost for each category and then total the cost to find your cost of living expense..

Step#3:

- ▶ Bad News!!! Being the junior employee your monthly income has been reduced by 40%. Prioritize your list of items and try to make savings where possible. Create a new revised list.

Step#4:

- ▶ After revamping your list of essential items, you discover that you are still short of your mark. Write a response to your situation discussing your options and your feelings. (Brainstorm in class)

Step#5:

- ▶ In small groups, discuss the following topics in relation to the assignment task.
 - Needs vs. wants
 - Poverty
 - Distribution of wealth
 - Breaking the poverty cycle
 - Becoming empowered
 - Economic security
- ▶ Record you comments, questions, ideas, etc. on the wall paper provided. The wall paper will be posted in class.

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*Assignment - **Cost of Living and Life's Little Lessons** - Original Chart*

Food	Shelter	Clothing	Transportation	Communication	Entertainment
<i>Meats -</i>					
<i>Fruits and Vegetables -</i>					
<i>Diary -</i>					
<i>Wheats -</i>					
<i>Other -</i>					
Category Cost: -----	Category Cost: -----	Category Cost: -----	Category Cost: -----	Category Cost: -----	Category Cost: -----

<u>Total Cost of Living:</u>	
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*Assignment - **Cost of Living and Life's Little Lessons** - Revised Chart*

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