



# HOUSE HUNTING



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Selected Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate: \_\_\_\_\_

We all face many financial decisions in our lives, but buying a house is the biggest purchase most people ever make. Your challenge in this project is to research five (5) home properties anywhere in the world, but within a set budget of \$600,000, and then present your findings and decisions to the class via a Google Slides presentation. The project has FOUR components.

## **COMPONENT 1 – Choosing a location, defining needs, and making financial decisions**

**PART A:** You need to first decide on the location in which you will search for a home. An old real estate adage quips that the three most important factors in buying a home are “location, location, location”. This is because the location of your home has a tremendous impact on its present and future value. Research and record these key factors about the town you’ve chosen using its Chamber of Commerce website and/or other reliable data sources on the internet:

### ***General Information (1 point per item):***

1. Location on a map (provide a screenshot)
2. Crime Rate \_\_\_\_\_
3. School Rating \_\_\_\_\_
4. Average Temperature \_\_\_\_\_
5. Town square mileage \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Demographics (1 point per item):***

6. Median age \_\_\_\_\_
7. Population \_\_\_\_\_
8. Male/Female Population \_\_\_\_\_
9. Median Income \_\_\_\_\_
10. Education \_\_\_\_\_

**PART B:** Now that you've chosen the location, it's time to decide on your specific house requirements. House requirements can significantly affect the price you pay for a home.

**Record your preferences here (1 point per item):**

1. Number of bedrooms \_\_\_\_\_
2. Number of bathrooms \_\_\_\_\_
3. Minimum lot size required \_\_\_\_\_

Circle your preference on the following:

4. Preferred House Type	Single Family	Condo	Townhouse
5. Dining Room	Required		Nice to have
6. Separate Family Room	Required		Nice to have
7. Fireplace	Required		Nice to have
8. Basement	Required		Nice to have
9. Pool	Required		Nice to have
10. Garage	Required		Nice to have
11. Large Yard	Required		Nice to have
12. Close to public transportation	Required		Nice to have
13. Close to schools	Required		Nice to have
14. Front Porch	Required		Nice to have
15. Back Deck	Required		Nice to have

**PART C:** Only after you've decided on your location and house requirements should you start shopping. Guided by your requirements, select FIVE home options - - you can use Zillow.com or Realtor.com or any other reputable and reliable realtor website that services your chosen location. *All homes must be located in the same town you researched in Part A.* As you shop, ensure that you are fulfilling your buying requirements as best as possible. Of course, compromises may need to be made, but always strive for what you really want in your home.

Use the following chart to capture the basics about your five options and add up to two more required items from the preferences list in Part B. Under each requirement heading, mark an “X” if the house fulfills the requirement.

**TOTAL POSSIBLE POINT VALUE: 30 points**

Website Address of Home	Req'd Number of BRs	Req'd Number of BAs	Min. Lot Size	Specify Extra Requirement	Specify Extra Requirement
House 1:					
House 2:					
House 3:					
House 4:					
House 5:					

**COMPONENT 2 – Creating the Presentation**

Now that your research is complete, prepare a professional-looking presentation in Google Slides that captures all of your hard work. The presentation will consist of 11 slides that should highlight the information you collected along with pictures that capture the beauty of the location you chose as well the features of your five home choices. Be sure your presentation is visually appealing. All presentation requirements can be found in the grading rubric that follows:

**COMPONENT 2 Grading Rubric:**

Slide Content	Point Value	Points Awarded
<b>Title Slide:</b> Include the project name and your name(s). The background of this slide should be an actual picture of your desired town or an attraction located in the town (do not use a photo of a map).	5	
<b>Slide 2:</b> The second slide should be a description of the town you chose to live in and must include all of the items listed in Component 1 Part A.	10	
<b>Slide 3:</b> The third slide should be your list of home requirements from Component 1 Part B.	10	
<b>Slides 4 - 8:</b> Each slide will feature one of your five home options from Component 1 Part C. Each slide should contain AT LEAST two pictures of each home along with the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Listing realtor, price, address</li><li>• Number of bedrooms &amp; bathrooms</li><li>• Lot size</li><li>• House Type &amp; Style</li><li>• How much money you'll need for a down payment (multiply 20% times the listing price)</li></ul>	125 (25 per slide)	
<b>Slide 9:</b> The ninth slide should display the checklist you created in Component 1 Part C.	15	
<b>Slide 10:</b> The ninth slide should be the "reveal" slide to display the home you chose along with THREE reasons why you chose it.	15	
<b>Final Slide:</b> Your last slide should highlight information you learned during your research that was either a surprise or something you found interesting.	15	
<b>Overall Slide Design:</b> The presentation should be visually appealing with a good use of photos and color. It should also be easy to read.	15	
<b>Total Possible Points for Component 2 Grade</b>	<b>210</b>	

### **COMPONENT 3 – Oral Presentation**

Be prepared to present and discuss your work without reading from the slides (you can use notecards). Your presentation will be graded as follows:

#### **Component 3 Grading Rubric:**

<b>Requirement</b>	<b>Point Value</b>	<b>Points Awarded</b>
NO READING OF THE SLIDES! Walk us through your experience and the information you collected.	15	
Overall professionalism - no laughing or silliness.	15	
All required slides are included in the presentation and are adequately discussed.	55 (5 per slide)	
Presentation is spell-checked (remember TWO, TOO and TO are different words with different applications).	10	
<b>Total Points for Component 3 Grade</b>	<b>95</b>	

### **Component 4 – Team Evaluations**

You are individually responsible for completing the following chart. Carefully listen to the presentations of your classmates, and evaluate their presentations (in the same way that they will be evaluating yours). Provide one positive piece of feedback for each presentation, capture the chosen location, pick your own favorite from the five house contenders, and then document the presenter's ultimate house choice.

**TOTAL POSSIBLE POINT VALUE: 30 points**

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## FINAL PROJECT GRADING SUMMARY

COMPONENT 1	_____	points
COMPONENT 2	_____	points
COMPONENT 3	_____	points
COMPONENT 4	_____	points
TOTAL	_____	points out of 390 possible points

GRADE PERCENTAGE: \_\_\_\_\_