

House Hunters

You are to watch a full episode of HGTV's house hunters in class and complete the handout. Once completing the TV show you will now have the opportunity to pretend you are the realtor. You will search for a home for the family you have been assigned just like they did on the HGTV television show. Use www.zillow.com website or the provided home magazines in class to search for the perfect home for your pretend family. You will need to find a total of 3 homes that would best fit the family scenario. Using your own paper you are to complete the below info about the 3 homes you have chosen. Each house should be on a separate piece of paper.

- For **each of the 3 houses** you must include
 - Picture of the House
 - Description of the house (ex. how many bedrooms, bathrooms, basement, screened porch, square feet, etc..) (5 facts total)
 - Location of the house (address, is it in a city setting or country?)
 - Cost
 - MLS # (there may not be a # if it is being sold by owner)

Once you have completed and found **3 homes** that you feel are best suited for the family you are to **circle the ONE** you think is the best for their family needs.

****Turn in your papers stapled in this order:**

- **Family questionnaire**
- **Selected home**
- **Home #2**
- **Home #3**
- **Rubric**

Extra Credit:

1.) Once you have chosen a home for your family you can find the estimated monthly mortgage payment. You must put in the total cost of the home and choose whether it is a 15 year mortgage or a 30 year mortgage.

2.) Include a map of the city with the three houses marked on the map

Family Questionnaire

Answer the following questions about the family scenario paragraph once you complete reading it entirely.

Who is needing the house (Names) _____

Why do they need a new home? _____

How many family members are there? _____

Where are they previously moving from (apt, city, etc.) _____

What is HIS job/career _____

What is HER job/career _____

Do they have pets? List them _____

What is their budget _____

What is the size & description of the house they are looking for? _____

What are some of HIS special request for the new home _____

What are some of HER special request for the new home _____

Additional preferences or needs that are not asked in the above questions?

Tim & Brittany have been married for 2 years they have recently moved from Atlanta to Cleveland and are looking for a new home. While living in Atlanta they were in an apartment and did not require a lot of furniture. Since they are now looking for a new house they will have to purchase some new furniture for their new home. They are looking for a good starter home that they could eventually "grow" into when they have a family. Brittany is a teacher and Tim is a mechanic at the local Ford car dealership. They are looking for a 3 bedroom house near town since they both have to be at work early. Tim needs a large garage or outdoor building so he can work on cars for extra cash while at home in the evenings and on weekends. Brittany needs an office space to work on her class lessons while at home. Their budget is \$150,000 but would prefer not to spend it all on a house since they have to purchase new furniture.

Jennifer is a single Mom looking for a new home located close to the city. She is a mother of 2 boys ages 4 and 6. They are currently living with her mother and the space is getting a bit challenging. It is now time to "fly the coop" and seek out a place of their own. Jennifer works at the local bank in the day time and has an additional part-time job on the weekends waiting tables to make extra cash. She has managed her money well and has a budget of \$150,000 for a new home. She is looking for a house with a basement/family room this way the boys & her can have room to watch their big screen TV. In addition to the basement/family room she needs a home with 3 bedrooms and 2 baths. She would like the home to have a unique style. She would rather NOT have a wooden type home but rather an all brick because this will make for less up keep in the future.

Mark and Denise are a blended family. They both were previously married and have 2 children each from the previous marriages. They have been living in the city in a 4 bedroom house but they are looking to purchase a house out in the country so they can have a swimming pool and more outdoor space. Mark is a engineer at Volkswagen and Denise is a stay at home Mom. She likes to cook and sew with her spare time. The kids are most of the time with them so they are a family of 6 in a 4 bedroom home. They are seeking a 5 bedroom house with at least 3 bathrooms and a large family room. Denise would like to have a small space to sew or craft as well as a up dated and large kitchen. She would like to have granite counter tops and tile floors if possible. Mark is looking for a larger back yard and outdoor space so they can have a pool in the future. It would be nice to purchase a house already equipped with a pool but is not totally necessary. Their budget is no more than \$325,000.

Yen and Eail are university graduates and are engaged to be married. They are looking to purchase a home before they get married in July. Because of their Korean religion Yen's Mom must live with them for 1 year after they are married. One great benefit of that situation is that Yen's Mom will help them with the cost of the house. Yen needs an office space to spread out and do his online business. Eail needs to be near town because she is a nurse & needs to get to the hospital ASAP when on call. Their wish list is a large kitchen and dining room or eating area, 3 bedrooms, basement and 2 baths. They have 1 unique request they do not want a house that has anything with the number "4" in it. This means the house address number OR the PRICE. They are a strong Korean family & this unique request is part of their religion. They have a budget of a maximum amount of \$150,000.

Emily & Dana are sisters looking to buy a small house together. Emily is a teacher and Dana works night shift at M&M Mars. They have been living at home with their parents but are looking to get a place of their own. They have 2 Cats, Milo and Gincy. They are wanting a 4 Bedroom house because each of them want a bedroom as well as 1 extra to use as a Giant closet for their extensive clothes & shoe collections. They would like to have bedrooms that are placed 2 on one side of the house and 2 on the other OR 2 upstairs and 2 downstairs. This will make it easier for Dana to sleep when she has to sleep in the daytime because of her job. This is not a requirement but would be a big plus. They also need a large double car garage. They have no real preference wheatear it is in the city or in the country. They do not mind if it is somewhat of a "fixer upper" kind of home. Their budget is no more than \$110,000.

John and Cindy are a recently retired couple. They have 3 granddaughters who live in the Ooltewah area and want to move from Chicago, Il to be near them. Because they are an older couple they are looking for a house they can "grow old with". This means they need a house that is all one level NO STEPS as well as a limited amount coming into the entrance door of the home. They would like the house to have a carport instead of a basement or closed in garage. They love little quaint older homes in the downtown area where they can just visualize their "darling" Grand daughters riding their bikes. An added plus would be a near by park or church where they could play or ride bikes in the vacant parking lot. They have a budget of no more than \$95,000.

Scott is recently a divorced Dad. His wife is staying in their current home and they will have split custody of their 3 children. He is looking for a place of his own but needs the house to be large enough for the kids when they are staying with him. He would love a place that is near the Mouse Creek Road area of Cleveland or the North West part of Cleveland this way he can be near the kids when they are with their mother. He is looking for at least 3 bedrooms and 2 baths. A nice deck on the back of the house for BBQ's and a swimming pool would be an added bonus (but not essential). He has a budget of no more than \$150,000.

Amber has been out of High School for 4 years and has been working as a manager for Hardee's. She has been living with her parents and has saved enough money to buy her first home. Since it is just her and no one else she does not need a house that is real large NOR a house that has a large yard for up keep (that would cost a lot of money & time she does not have). She is looking for at least 2 bedrooms and 1 bathroom a small kitchen and would love a fireplace. She has no real preference for city or country setting, either would be fine. She has a budget of no more than \$75,000.

Rubric

	<u>Points Possible</u>	<u>Points Earned</u>
Picture of House (5 points each)	15	
Description of House (5 points each)	15	
Location (1 point each)	3	
Cost (1 point each)	3	
MLS # (1 point each)	3	
1 house selected	1	
Family Questionnaire	10	
Houses on 3 separate pages	3	
Papers in order	2	
Total Possible	55	
Extra Credit: Map	5	
Extra Credit: Estimated Mortgage	3	