

## Dream Vacation

**WebQuest Description:** Students will be able to plan their own dream vacation. With this project they have to budget every expense that will arise on a vacation and explain what they found and how tracked all of their expenses.

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### Introduction

The task of budgeting is very complicated and it has many crucial parts that you cannot forget about! You need to truly understand what all it takes to lay out and carry out a plan of action to get things done, the right way. Most things in the real world need careful planning to your spending so you don't go over the available money you have. You definitely don't want to be negative in the bank! If we make a budget, we will know exactly how much money we need for each activity we plan on doing, from the necessities down to the pair of socks we want to buy. So what are we budgeting you ask?

### Tasks

For this assignment, you have to opportunity to choose your dream vacation destination, but it's not that easy. As you choose your dream vacation, you will need to figure out how much money is needed in total as you take on the task of paying for this vacation, as well as figuring how much money is needed for each individual part of you trip. For example: food, flight, hotel, shopping, etc. This is not going to be an easy task! With succeeding in your plans also comes a heavy burden. At the end of this assignment, maybe you will discover that you might not want to go on your dream vacation unless you really have the money needed. Debt will always be a major burden.

### Process

1. After the complicated task of figuring out where exactly you want to go on this dream vacation you need to figure out how you're getting there! Here are some websites to use whether you want to go by train, boat, or on a plane. You need to figure out how much it will cost to travel to your destination and back home, hopefully you will be able to find some good deals!  
<http://www.aa.com/homePage.do>  
<http://www.spirit.com/Default.aspx>  
<http://www.amtrak.com/find-train-bus-stations>  
<http://cruises.priceline.com/>

2. After you decide how you will get to your destination, you need to decide how you will get around at your destination! Will you rent a car, scooter, or many even ride a bus. You need to find which mode of transportation is best for the place you will be going, if you even need transportation.

3. Where will you sleep? A hotel or other type of housing is very crucial during your stay at the destination of choice. How long will you stay? How much does a hotel room cost a night? Is there room service you want that costs extra? Here is a website to hopefully give you a good deal on a hotel room.  
<http://www.hotwire.com/>

4. Food? You need to find at least 4 restaurants that you plan on eating at and discover how much it will cost for the meal of your choice, from the appetizer down to the refill of your drink.

5. We can't forget about those exciting recreational activities. You need to find at least 5 places that you plan on going at your destination. Who knows, maybe some places you decide to go will be free! How does it sound to swim with the dolphins or snowboard through the mountains?

6. Those are all of the major expenses but there are many other activities that you can't forget about in your planning. You need to make a list of extras that you will need to pay for. What about gas money, shopping, or luggage fees?

7. Lastly, you will need to create a table to explain what all you found out about your destination. Every fee and expense needs to be included on this table and come up with the total amount of money you would have spent on this dream vacation. With this table you need to type a short reflection explaining what you learned about planning a large vacation. Was it more expensive than you thought? Also, just think about how it would change if you brought a friend along with you.

### Evaluation

With this rubric you will be able to see what is exactly necessary to have a great WebQuest. This is the rubric that will be used to grade you on your project so you will be able to use this to make sure you have everything that is required. What did you learn about planning a big vacation? Was it more time consuming than you imagined? It takes a lot of work to create a well thought out plan of action to get things done. Why do you think it is important to create a table and organize all of the data that you found?

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## Conclusion

In your reflection of this overall assignment, remember to answer a few key items. What did you learn about the overall planning process? Are there any expenses that were surprising to you? After all of the work, is this a place you would still like to travel to? Were there other means of transportation that might have been cheaper? Of course, there are many other things to use this type of planning on. This is a good way to budget any type of purchase you would like to make, whether it is a house or a car. You have to remember to plan for expenses that you don't expect to happen, too!

## Teacher Page

### Standards

Modeling is best interpreted not as a collection of isolated topics but rather in relation to other standards. Making mathematical models is a Standard for Mathematical Practice, and specific modeling standards appear throughout the high school standards

Quantities and their relationships in physical, economic, public policy, social, and everyday situations.

### Credits

### Other