



Student worksheet 1: Family profile 1

Names of group members:

Family characteristics	Details and <i>Canada Year Book</i> references	Data for decisions (\$)
Residence	Vancouver, British Columbia	
Family members	Father, mother and five children aged 6 months, 2, 4, 6 and 8 years	
Occupations	Father is a carpenter. Mother is at home with small children.	
Amount of family income from all sources, weekly	Father's weekly wages: see page 782, Table 2, in <i>Canada Year Book 1937</i> . Use lowest amounts. Mother's allowance (weekly): see page 780, text that accompanies Table 31, in <i>Canada Year Book 1937</i> .	
Rent, mortgage and debts	See page 800, Table 9, in <i>Canada Year Book 1937</i> . Work out a family budget based on needs and wants, using data for 1936.	
Expenditures on basic necessities (list with prices)	For food, you must decide on quantities needed to feed the family. Consider that a ton of coal and a gallon of coal oil will last one month. What other incidental or emergency expenditures might the family incur? For incidental things, make educated guesses based on the information about prices of other things in 1936.	
Challenges and problems	One of the children needs surgery and will have to be in the hospital for two weeks. See page 805, Table 13, in <i>Canada Year Book 1937</i> for health costs. Use data for 1935. Include charges for public ward and operating room time.	

Options for solutions

Final decisions

What would you have liked to do or buy in 1936 but couldn't?

How would living in the Great Depression have affected your dreams and goals in life?

What did you learn from this activity?
