



## Organization: Practice Activity



### Goal:

This activity will allow youth to think about the character traits they possess now, and what they hope to possess 10 years from now. Students will be given a scenario and a budget for a renovation project. They will need to organize an itemized list to be presented. Scenarios will require that they prioritize items based on needs.

### Materials:

- Computers for research
- One of the scenarios from below

### Instructions:

1. Break students into four groups or less
2. Provide each group with one of the scenarios below
3. Explain that their group now has a budget of \$15,046.22 to do a renovation on the location that they were given
4. Explain that they need to provide you with an organized, item by item list of what they will purchase for the renovation
  - a. Encourage them to get quotes online and be as descriptive as possible
5. Groups will compete for additional funding. The winner will be determined by the group that used the money most efficiently and effectively. This means the group that used the most money, without going over budget, and who based their purchases off of their space's size and needs.

### Things to point out:

- Discuss how they started to organize themselves
  - Did they give people jobs, make lists of items, etc.
  - What aspects of their scenario did they need to consider before looking at items
- Discuss any prioritizing they needed to do
  - Did some items have to get left behind?
  - How did they decide what to keep?
- What was the most difficult part of this activity?
- Discuss how their organization techniques allowed them to complete their goal

**Scenario 1: Park**



This is currently the park in your local community. There are a couple of swings and benches that are usable, but the rest of the equipment is old and probably dangerous. This park is just 1.5 acres of mostly dirt, with some patches of grass. Three of its sides are along neighborhood roads, but one side is along a busy main street. There are no fences.

The borough has put aside \$15,046.22 for you to renovate the park. They have given other funding to other projects. Whoever uses the most of their money, without going over, in the most efficient and effective way will be considered for additional money.

Please provide a budget with estimated costs for your renovation. Be sure to include proof of costs when possible and be as specific as you can about the items you are purchasing. Think about the cost of labor and size of your space. Although you do not need to provide plans, your purchases must make sense for the space that you have.

## **Scenario 2: Library**



This is currently the library in your local community. There are some books and areas of carpet that have sustained damage on the second floor from a leak in the roof. People have complained that the reading area is poorly lit and that there are few areas for kids to sit comfortably and read together. Currently, the library is still operating on a card system for finding and checking out books which is sometimes difficult for the librarians to keep track of and for community members to use. The first and second floor are equal in size at about 2,500 square feet each.

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Please provide a budget with estimated costs for your renovation. Be sure to include proof of costs when possible and be as specific as you can about the items you are purchasing. Think about the cost of labor and size of your space. Although you do not need to provide plans, your purchases must make sense for the space that you have.

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### **Scenario 3: Auditorium**



This is currently the auditorium in a local school. Most of the chairs are in good condition, but there is a row all the way in the back that has several torn seat cushions. They have some audio equipment, but not enough for their school play. Student performers have complained that the acoustics are not good, and that the stage is warped on one side due to old flooring. There is currently no ramp to get on the stage, which means that anyone using a wheelchair must sit in front of the stage if performing. They have lighting on the stage, but no spotlights. The auditorium is roughly 20,000 square feet.

The borough has put aside \$15,046.22 for you to renovate the auditorium. They have given other funding to other projects. Whoever uses the most of their money, without going over, in the most efficient and effective way will be considered for additional money.

Please provide a budget with estimated costs for your renovation. Be sure to include proof of costs when possible and be as specific as you can about the items you are purchasing. Think about the cost of labor and size of your space. Although you do not need to provide plans, your purchases must make sense for the space that you have.

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**Scenario 4: Diner**



This is currently the diner in a local community. They have enough seating, although some benches are really worn. The floor is an old linoleum that is really outdated. Their counters and register system were recently updated. The kitchen appliances are in decent condition, but the cook says the stove is too small for the number of orders they receive. They also believe that something is wrong with the freezer since they have been noticing some food going bad recently. The diner is roughly 15,000 square feet.

The borough has put aside \$15,046.22 for you to renovate this local landmark. They have given other funding to other projects. Whoever uses the most of their money, without going over, in the most efficient and effective way will be considered for additional money.

Please provide a budget with estimated costs for your renovation. Be sure to include proof of costs when possible and be as specific as you can about the items you are purchasing. Think about the cost of labor and size of your space. Although you do not need to provide plans, your purchases must make sense for the space that you have.