BECOME A FINANCIAL PLANNER FOR THE RICH AND FAMOUS!
MATH ENRICHMENT PROJECT!

STUDENTS BECOME FIANCIAL PLANNERS FOR CELEBRITIES, HISTORICAL FIGURES OR EVEN FAMOUS ATHLETES!

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4TH AND 5TH

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YOUR CAREER AS A FINANCIAL PLANNER!

Pretend that you have been hired by someone famous from the past or present to be their personal financial planner! Before they will hire you, they would like for you to present your ideas for their personal financial plan and include a paycheck, a monthly budget and an investment plan.

As all good financial planners do, you will create a neat and organized budget, paycheck and investment plan and attach it to a poster to present to your famous client.

You will have to be creative and use a little imagination. After all, some of your clients may no longer be living. You will create your financial plan as if they are still alive.

STEP #1: Determine who will hire you as their financial planner. Choose one of the types of clients listed below or ask your teacher to approve a client of your choice.

Professional Athlete	Television Star	President of the United States
Professional Singer	Movie Actress	Movie Actor
Historical Figure	Superhero	Famous Author
Animated Character	Book Character	Famous Inventor

OR YOU CAN CHOOSE YOUR OWN CLIENT AND PRESENT THE IDEA TO YOUR TEACHER FOR APPROVAL!

STEP#2: Create a pretend paycheck for your client. You will have to determine or make up their employer's name.

You will have to brainstorm deductions that their employer will take out of their paycheck. You will have to calculate their net and gross pay. Use the template below.

Employer Name/Address:

Pay to the Order of_____

Gross Monthly Pay: _____

Federal Tax Deduction (25%) _____

Social Security (6%) _____

Medicare (1%) _____

Deduction:_____ _____

Deduction:_____ _____

Deduction:_____ _____

Total Amount of All Deductions: _____

Net Monthly Pay: _____

Signed by _____

(Company President)

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STEP #3: Create a budget for your client.
You will have to include their fixed expenses and variable expenses. Think about your client's lifestyle as you create their expenses. Be creative and have fun with it! Use the template included below!

Budget:

Client's Name_

Monthly Budget

NET MONTHLY PAY_____

Fixed Expenses		**Variable Expenses**	
Expense	Amount	Expense	Amount
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Total Fixed Expenses _____ Total Variable Expenses _____

Disposable Income _____

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STEP #4: Create a monthly investment plan for your client.

Your client wants to be financially wise, so you will show them how you think they should invest their money every month. How much should they save every month? Should they invest in the stock market every month? Should they put their money in a CD every month? Should they have a special savings account for a boat or a new sports car? You are their financial planner and you must provide a plan for them that will invest their money wisely. After all, no one wants to end up in the "poor house."

Use the Investment Plan template below:

Monthly Investment Plan

Client Name_____

Monthly Disposable Income:

Monthly Investment	**Amount**
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Total Amount Invested Every Month: _____

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Examples for Steps 1, 2, 3 and 4:

Step 1: I have chosen Albert Einstein as my client.

Step 2: (**Hint:** You may need to use a calculator for this step to find the percentages. **Quick Lesson:** If you want to find out how much 25% of $11,999 is, you will need to multiply 11999 x .25 to find the answer. To find out how much 6% of $11,999 is, you'd have to multiply 11999 x .06 to find the answer. To find out how much 1% of 11,999 is, you will need to multiply 11999 x .01 to find the answer. Round all answers to the nearest dollar. Do the rest of the percentages the same.)

Employer Name/Address:
Thinking Institute/ New York City, New York 78654

Pay to the Order of Albert Einstein

Gross Monthly Pay:	**$11,999**
Federal Tax Deduction (25%)	$2999
Social Security (6%)	$720
Medicare (1%)	$120
Deduction: Vision Insurance	$ 50
Deduction: Special Brain Insurance	$100
Deduction: Health Insurance	$75
Total Amount of All Deductions:	**$4064**
Net Monthly Pay:	**$7935**

Signed by: *Samuel Learner,* President of Thinking Knowledge
(Company President/ Company's Name)

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Step 3: (Hint) Remember, **fixed expenses** are regular expenses that must be paid every month. **Variable expenses** are expenses that will be different every month, depending on how the client wants to spend their extra money. **Quick Lesson:** To find their disposal income, subtract all of their expenses from their net monthly pay.)

Budget

Client's Name Albert Einstein

Monthly Budget

NET MONTHLY PAY: $7935

Fixed Expenses		Variable Expenses	
Expense	**Amount**	**Expense**	**Amount**
Mortgage	$1500	Brain Exercise Trainer	$200
Electricity (He creates most of his own, of course.)	$10	IQ Building Vitamins	$50
Gas	$30	Home Science Lab Equip.	$50
Cable TV (Of course he needs the science channel)	$70	Hair Mousse	$20
Internet	$30	Lab Coats	$30
Car Payment (Futuristic Car, of course)	$200		
Gas	$150		
Groceries/Food	$750		
Total Fixed Expenses:	$2740	Total Variable Expenses:	$350

Disposable Income: $4845

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Step 4: (Hint, don't forget to personalize the Monthly Investment Plan to suit their personal needs.)

Monthly Investment Plan

Client Name: Mr. Albert Einstein

Monthly Disposable Income: **$4845**

Monthly Investment	**Amount**
Retirement Savings (Future Condo at Retired Brainiac's Village)	**$2000**
Savings for the first sports car to be run by nuclear fuel.	**$500**
Stocks in a new company that is producing a drug that will instantly raise people's IQ!	**$500**
Certificate of Deposit (CD)	**$1000**
Regular Emergency Savings	**$845**

Total Amount Invested Every Month: $4845

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STEP #5: PUT IT ALL TOGETHER! CUT OUT YOUR PAYCHECK, BUDGET AND INVESTMENT PLAN AND CREATE A "FINANCIAL PLAN POSTER" FOR YOUR CLIENT!

Be sure and title the poster with your client's name and add illustrations or artwork to make it more professional looking and organized. After all, this is your only chance to impress your client if you want to be their own personal financial planner.

EXAMPLE:

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PERSONAL FINANCE PROJECT VOCABULARY

Budget: The amount of money you will spend each month on savings, utilities, rent, and other payments. It allows people to keep track of their spending and not overspend.

Credit Worthy (Financially Wise): You have established good credit by paying all of your bills on time and you don't use credit cards regularly.

Certificate of Deposit: These are low-risk, but low-return — investments suitable for cash you don't need for months or years. If you leave the money alone during the investment period (known as the "term" or "duration"), the bank will pay you an interest rate slightly higher than what you would have earned in a money market or checking account.

Deductions: Amounts that are taken out of your paycheck.

Disposable Income: Money you have left to invest or spend after you've paid all of your expenses each month.

Financial Planner: A career in which you help others organize their finances and help plan their future.

Fixed Expenses: Expenses that cost about the same amount each month. These bills cannot easily be changed.

Gross Monthly Pay: The amount of money you actually make without deductions.

Income Tax: Money taken out of everyone's paycheck to pay for schools, roads and etc.

Net Monthly Pay: The amount of money you actually receive after deductions on your paycheck.

Sales Tax: Tax you pay on items that you purchase at the store.
Variable Expenses: Expenses that represent those daily spending decisions like eating at a restaurant, buying clothes, drinking Starbucks and playing a round of golf with your buddies.

Savings: Money that is set aside each month to save for "rainy days" or other reasons.

Stocks: Stocks allow you to buy into the ownership of a company. Some companies have hundreds of thousands of stock owners that own their company. If your company makes money, you get a piece of the profit!

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