Can you afford to live on your own?

Budgeting for Living Project

**Part 1: Housing Budget**

I plan on moving out of my house into my own apartment. I will be living in the town of\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I will be working as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ making $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a year. This translates into $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a month. I can spend approximately \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_% of my monthly salary on a place to live. This means I have $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to spend on housing every month.

**Part 2: Apartment Hunting.**

I would like you to find 3 apartments, one on the lower end of your budget, one around the middle, and one towards the higher end. I would like you to only be looking for one-bedroom apartments for this assignment.

1. After you have filled in all this information go to [www.apartments.com](http://www.apartments.com)
2. Click on a state where you are going to live.
3. Choose a section of the state and click on ‘continue’
4. Choose a city and click on ‘continue’
5. Enter your criteria for your apartment. May have to adjust criteria to get any results.
6. Choose 3 properties to evaluate and complete the boxes below

***Select one of the three apartments, print the description and staple to this paper. On the back of this paper, I would like a 7-10 sentence summary addressing the following questions.***

***1. Why did you choose this apartment? Be specific and detailed.***

***2. How will this meet your needs? Think about physical, emotional, safety, economical reasoning’s.***

***3. Briefly tell me, in a couple sentences, why you didn’t choose the other 2 apartments.***

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|  | Property #1 | Property #2 | Property #3 |
| Rent |  |  |  |
| Amenities (pool, workout facility, etc.) |  |  |  |
| Utilities included |  |  |  |
| Location  |  |  |  |
| Features |  |  |  |

Other possible websites for information are [www.qctimes.com](http://www.qctimes.com) and [www.apartmentguide.com](http://www.apartmentguide.com) . These are pretty self-explanatory- follow directions. Still need to compare two apartments and print information out for one or www.homestore.com.