Cost of living Comparison Activities:

Go to website <http://www.infoplease.com/business/economy/cost-living-index-us-cities.html>

Open an Excel spreadsheet and import the data table from the above web site.

Using your data sort option organize the information to answer the following questions.

1, List the four most expensive cities in order and their index cost.

2. Which city has the highest food cost and why do you think this would be?

3. Living St. Louis would have the nearest cost of living index as living in what other city?

4. What expenses seem to be higher in Seattle, WA than I most other cities?

5. Which city would have the least expensive housing cost? The most expensive?

6. Which city would be the cheapest to live in?

Use web site <http://www.missourieconomy.org/indicators/cost_of_living/index.stm> to answer the following questions.

1. Where does Missouri rank among the states in cost of living?
2. What are three states with a lower cost of living than Missouri?
3. By looking at the maps what would be two generalizations that you could make about living cost in the United States.
4. Which city in Missouri is the most expensive to live in?
5. If you lived in Jefferson City you could expect to pay more for what commodity.

Use web site <http://livingwage.mit.edu/states/29/locations>

Find the county that you live in and choose one other county.

Compare the Living wage for 2 adults and 1 child to the poverty and minimum wage of each county.

Write three sentences telling me what you discovered.

Using the cost of living comparison calculator at website <http://www.bankrate.com/calculators/savings/moving-cost-of-living-calculator.aspx>

Compare the cost of living in Columbia, MO to Denver , CO with a current income of $40,000.

Percent of increase\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or decrease \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Columbia, MO to Kansas City, MO

Percent of increase\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or decrease \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Columbia, MO to San Francisco, CA.

Percent of increase\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or decrease \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.