



Independent Living Activity Virtual Scavenger Hunt



Are you thinking about moving when you graduate? It's important to conduct thorough research when deciding where to live, taking into account factors such as the cost of living, job opportunities, climate, crime rate, and local amenities. Complete this virtual scavenger hunt activity with a parent, peer, or independently to learn more about the new city or state you want to live in.

Think about what you would type into an online search engine to gain information on the topics below, then fill in your findings.

Terms to Know: Climate, recreation, crime, taxes, cost of living, amenities, recreation, housing market, salary

1. **Cost of living:** Research the cost of living in the new location to determine if it is affordable for you.

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2. **Employment opportunities:** Check the job market in the new state to see if there are any opportunities in your field.

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3. **Housing market:** Research the housing market in the new state to determine the cost of renting or buying a home.

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4. **Climate:** Consider the weather patterns in the new state and how they may affect your lifestyle.

5. **Transportation:** Research the public transportation options in the new state, especially if you don't plan on driving.

6. **Healthcare:** Look into the quality of healthcare in the new state and whether your current insurance will be accepted.

7. **Recreation and entertainment:** Research the recreational and entertainment options in the new state to determine if they align with your interests.

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8. **Safety and crime rates:** Check the crime rates in the new state and the safety of the neighborhoods you are considering.

9. **Taxes:** Research the tax rates and laws in the new state to determine how much you will be paying in taxes.

10. **Salary and wages:** Research the salary or wages that you would make monthly before taxes are taken out.

*Note: Consider this income when thinking through the cost of living, housing market, transportation, recreation and entertainment, and taxes of this new location you are considering.



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