**Prom Budget Project**

Prom and graduation can be expensive events for high school students. Working with one of the characters below, create a prom/grad experience with in their budget.

*The Situation:*

Prom at OCSS is usually held approximately 35 km away from the school at a nice resort. Tickets are $40 for individuals or $70 for a couple. The resort offers an optional, catered dinner service for the prom attendees for an additional $30 per person.

*Characters:*

Alice: works part time at the local café. She earns $15 per hour and has set aside 50 hours of pay for her prom budget. She can work up to 20 more hours before prom to increase her budget, however she is also trying to save money for post secondary. Her favourite colour is blue.

Fred: works part time at a gas station. He earns $20 per hour and set aside 30 hours of pay for his budget. Fred can work approximately 15 more hours to increase his budget if needed. He is trying to save money to purchase a new vehicle. His favourite colour is pastel purple.

Your Character: If you wish, you can create your own character. Make sure you include preferences and a budget.

Photo of your character:

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How much does your character have to spend for the prom budget? Clearly show your work

*Outfit:*

Your character wants to look the best for their prom. It is up to you to decide what they will be wearing to their prom. You know your character best, so their look is up to you! Make sure to clearly indicate how much each item of their outfit costs.

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| Outfit Piece Photo | Cost |
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Most formal outfits require some form of alternation. What kind of alternations will you character need to do for their outfit? They will take their outfit to OCSS’s premiere tailor and seamstresses and will be charged according to the following price list

OCSS Alterations

* Hemming Pants: $15
* Shortening Sleeves: $20
* Hemming Formal Dress: $40
* Taking in Formal Gown (minimal detail): $75
* Taking in Formal Gown (lots of detail): $100

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| Alterations needed: | Cost: |
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*Hair:*

Each character will have their hair styled for prom. What that style is, is up to you! Make sure to include the cost of each style and any accessories that they may need.

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| Hair Style | Cost |
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| Accessories | Cost |
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*Transportation:*

Your character would like to arrive to prom in style. Pick a vehicle for them to rent and use as their transportation to and from prom. Be creative! Your character may borrow a vehicle if they choose.

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| Vehicle | Cost |
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*Tickets:*

How much will your character spend on their tickets? Are they going alone or in a couple?

*Dinner:*

To celebrate their prom adventure, your character wants to go out for dinner before prom. They will either be going with a group of friends or with their date. They are going all out for this dinner so they need to budget for a three-course meal.

Where are they going for dinner?

What are they having?

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| Course | Selection | Cost |
| Entrée |  |  |
| Main |  |  |
| Dessert |  |  |
| Total: |  |

*Extras:*

Prom is not without extras! Your character may decide to buy a boutonnière and/or a corsage, get their nails done or perhaps even a spray tan. Consider any additional expenses that are not listed and budget for them.

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| Extra | Cost |
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| Total: |  |

*Grand total:*

In the space below, clearly indicate the total amount that your character has spent for their prom experience.

***Reflection Questions***

Did your character stay on budget? If no, how could they make changes to reduce their cost?

What was the most surprising expense? Why?

How can you apply this activity to your own prom planning experience?