**Cost of Major Life Events Activity**

**Student Instructions:**

Read at least two articles from the bulleted list in one of the following four categories for homework. You’ll come to class and have about 20 minutes to discuss this in small groups with others who completed readings from the same category. Then, each group will make a 3-minute presentation on the category they read about.

**Category 1: Cost of College**

* <https://educationdata.org/average-cost-of-college#:~:text=The%20average%20cost%20of%20attendance,or%20%24218%2C004%20over%204%20years>.
* <https://nces.ed.gov/fastfacts/display.asp?id=76>
* <https://www.bestcolleges.com/research/average-cost-of-college/>

Additional readings for important information in the category, but they do not count as part of the bulleted list above.

Reading 1 (Is college worth it?): <https://www.nerdwallet.com/l/is-college-worth-it#:~:text=The%20average%20in%2Dstate%20cost,according%20to%20the%20College%20Board>.

Reading 2 (How to pay for college): <https://www.nerdwallet.com/article/loans/student-loans/how-to-pay-for-college>

**Category 2: Cost of a Wedding**

* <https://budgetsaresexy.com/why-i-skipped-my-own-wedding-to-save-money/>
* <https://www.al.com/news/2020/01/how-much-does-the-average-wedding-cost-in-each-state.html>

Additional reading on how much does the average wedding costs, but it does not count as part of the bulleted list above.

<https://www.nerdwallet.com/article/finance/how-much-does-average-wedding-cost?trk=nw_gn1_4.0>

**Category 3: Buying a Home**

* <https://www.nerdwallet.com/mortgages/how-much-house-can-i-afford/calculate-affordability>
* <https://www.thebalancemoney.com/the-average-cost-of-owning-a-home-in-the-us-5323804#:~:text=The%20national%20monthly%20average%20cost%20to%20own%20a%20home%20is%20%241%2C558.&text=Estimate%20assumes%2010%25%20down%20payment,of%20Zillow%20sale%20price%20data>.

Additional reading with tips for for first-time home buyers, but it does not count as part of the bulleted list above.

<https://www.nerdwallet.com/article/mortgages/tips-for-first-time-home-buyers?trk=nw_gn1_4.0>

**Category 4: Cost of Raising a Child**

* <https://crcblog.typepad.com/crcblog/it-really-costs-that-much-to-raise-a-child.html>
* <https://www.concordmonitor.com/Cost-of-Raising-a-Child-7570967>