Credit Webquest

Directions:

1. Write all of your answers **on this paper.**
2. Complete the webquest below. Follow it exactly.
3. Do not go to any websites that are not on this webquest.
4. Be **SURE** to have complete answers to all the questions.
5. If you should find a broken link, just mark it broken and move on to the next section.
6. **Do NOT apply for any credit cards or other services—just gather information**

Go to [www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com). Go to the “**Products and Services**” tab.

1. How much is an Equifax Premier plan from this company?

2. What kind of other services are they trying to sell you?

3. How much is a credit report that shows you your FICO score and a few reports yearly? What is a FICO score?

4. Click on this link: [https://www.annualcreditreport.com/index.action](https://www.annualcreditreport.com)/index.action

What are the names of the three credit bureaus? (click on the 3 in 1 Report to find)

Go back to [www.discovercard.com](http://www.discovercard.com). Under Credit Cards click “A**ll Credit Cards**”.

5. Click on the **Discover Card student card**. Read about this card and list what you feel are the two most important facts.

6. Scroll down and click on \***See rate details**\*.

What is the standard APR? What is the maximum variable APR? What are the late fees? **Be sure to label your answers**.

7. Click on the “**Apply**” button for the card. Look at the information that is required, **but do not fill it out!** What is the minimum amount of money a full time student must make in order to get a Discover Card? What is the minimum amount of money a part time student must make in order to get a Discover Card?

Go to [www.creditcards.com](http://www.creditcards.com)*.* On the left side, Click on Student Credit Cards.

8. Pick two Student CREDIT CARDS, and list their names, APR, Annual fee, and other important details that lead you to that decision.

9. Scroll down and pick the one best PRE-PAID DEBT CARD.

Explain why you picked that card!

On the left side of the screen, under “Search by Credit Quality”

select “Credit Cards for Bad Credit.”

Find the First Premier Bank Gold MasterCard. Click on terms and conditions.

There are a lot of fees!

10. What is the:

Account Set-up Fee?

Program Fee?

Annual Fee?

Participation Fee?

Additional Card Fee?

Credit Limit Increase Fee?

All those fees for a starting credit limit of $250!!

Take the Financial services quiz: <http://www.creditcardnation.com>

11. What was your score, and what was something new you learned from taking this quiz?

12. Let’s assume that you will accumulate some credit card debt in your lifetime. On the left hand side of the page go click on the “Debt-Zapper Calculator”. For the Debt-Zapper Calculator please enter a Debt ($) amount of $3,000 at an interest rate of 10%. Please calculate how long it will take you to pay off this debt at the following monthly payments: $30, $50, and $125. **Be sure to label your answers.**

13. Using the “Estimate the Finance Period & Total Cost” please enter $3000 as your credit card debt. While most people can payoff their credit card debt over a fairly short period of time, please look at what can happen when you get way behind on your payments. Compare the upper left hand side of the chart with the lower right hand side. Keep in mind that if you are late with your payments your interest rate can go as high as 30%. Go ahead and put 30% in the last column. What are the differences you see?

Using the next calculator (Estimate the Time) please take a look at how much of a monthly payment you will need to make to avoid such a high finance charge over the life of the loan. Even at $100 a month you are still looking at a minimum of almost 3 years to pay off a $3000 credit card debt. **Given this information, please explain your general feeling about how you will use credit cards in the future.**

14. Final question: If you want to attend college you will probably have around $20,000 in loans, and currently the Stafford Loan amount is a fixed 6.8% rate. How long would it take you to pay back these loans at the following monthly payments? $125, $175, and $200. **Be sure to label your answers.**