# Poverty in America WebQuest: Please complete the background research first with your partner. Just ONE sheet per team please.

[Start here](http://www.nccp.org/topics/childpoverty.html) to answer questions 1-6

1. **How many children in the United States live in poverty today?**
2. **What is the income level for a family of four that is considered below the poverty level?**
3. **Research shows that a family of four needs how much money to cover basic expenses?**
4. **Using the standard in question 3 for family income, how many children would be living low income families?**

[**FROM THE FAQ**](http://www.nccp.org/faq.html)

1. **If most of the parents work then what is the problem?**
2. **What does living in poverty do to children?**
3. [**View the charts**](http://www.nccp.org/profiles/IA_profile_7.html) **on statistics for Iowa. What are THREE assumptions that you can make based on the data?**
4. **What would a single parent earning minimum wage in Iowa earn a year?**
5. **You know that education pays. BUT HOW MUCH?!** 
   1. **How do we currently rank with the rest of the world in terms of our population, ages 35-64 having a college degree?**
   2. **What percentage of the age group in question has a college degree?**
   3. **How do we currently rank with the rest of the world in terms of our population, ages 25-34 having a college degree?**
   4. **How do we currently rank with the rest of the world in terms of our population, ages 18-24 being enrolled in college?**
   5. **What percentage of the age group in question d is attending college?**
   6. **For every 100 students enrolled in college, how many actually earn a degree in the United States?**
   7. **How does this compare with the other countries surveyed?**
   8. **What does this mean for the United States economically?**
   9. **What could it say about your generation?**
   10. **What can you do to make sure you are not part of the group that does not complete college?**