

Then and Now

Comparing Cost of Living

Name: _____

Use magazines, catalogs, or the internet to find the present day prices and complete the chart below.

THEN AND NOW PRICES			
Women's Clothes	Then	Now	Difference
Winter Coat	\$28.00		
Leather or Suede Bag	\$2.25		
Bathrobe	\$1.12		
Sweater	\$1.93		
Men's Clothes	Then	Now	Difference
Shirt	\$1.25		
Wool Sweater	\$2.67		
Bathrobe	\$4.90		
Coat	\$18.50		
Games and Toys	Then	Now	Difference
Monopoly	\$3.95		
Ping Pong Table	\$23.55		
Doll	\$4.99		
Items for the Home	Then	Now	Difference
Lamp	\$1.45		
Washing Machine	\$33.50		
Stove	\$19.95		

1. In 1939, Mrs. Jones is shopping for a ping pong table, a lamp, and a women's winter coat. How much did it cost her?

If she paid with a \$100 bill, how much change will she get?

2. On a present day shopping spree, Mrs. Jones' great-granddaughter purchased 3 dolls. How much did she spend?

3. In 1939, 4 siblings agree to combine their allowances in order to buy a ping pong table. They will split the cost evenly. How much will each sibling have to save?

THEN AND NOW WAGES

Weekly Wages (Average)	Then	Now
Factory Worker	\$16.89	\$500.00
Cook	\$15.00	\$236.00
Doctor	\$61.11	\$1,800.00
Accountant	\$45.00	\$700.00

1. If the average cook works 40 hours a week in 2018, how much does he or she earn per hour?

2. Which job earned the most during the Great Depression? How much more did they earn than an accountant?

3. Order the wages from the Great Depression (then) from least to greatest.