# Class # 1 Junior/Intermediate Athletic Shoes

Nathan is getting ready for another baseball season. He is going shopping with his dad later and has \$85 to spend. They always play on real grass, not artificial turf, and their coach prefers rubber cleats over metal. What would be the best choice for Nathan?

#1	#2	#3	#4
Alter			
Adidas X Lacrosse Turf Cleats	UA Glyde RM	Nike Air Hyper-diamond Pro 2	MIZ
\$39.99	\$89.99	<b>Cleat</b> \$74.99	
<ul> <li>Lightweight synthetic upper</li> <li>Rubber outsole with traction pattern for speed and control</li> <li>Rubber Spike Turf cleats</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Engineered synthetic upper with subtle tonal graphics provide superior durability &amp; lightweight support on the diamond</li> <li>Rubber molded cleats offer elite comfort and traction</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Low cut synthetic leather upper ensures a superior fit</li> <li>Metal nine spike layout provides unmatched comfort, grip and speed</li> <li>TPU drag cap adds extra durability and toedrag protection extending the life of your cleat</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Synt</li> <li>ove</li> <li>light</li> <li>sup</li> <li>Solid</li> <li>fast</li> <li>Rub</li> </ul>



### ZUNO FRANCHISE 7- 9 Spike Cleat

### \$79.99

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## Class #2

### Junior/Intermediate

# **Digital Cameras**

Julie wants to purchase a digital camera that is under \$100.00. She would like the camera to have a high optical zoom and have multiple scene mode settings so she can take pictures for her 4-H Photography project. Which would be the best choice for Julie?

#1	#2	#3
Nikon Silver COOLPIX L31	Cyber-shot Digital Camera WX10	Kodak Silver FZ51-SL
\$79.99	\$99.99	\$89.99
<ul> <li>16 megapixel resolution with high-quality still images and video recording</li> <li>15 Scene Modes Retouch effects, Pet Portrait mode</li> <li>NIKKOR zoom lens with 9x optical zoom</li> <li>720p HD movie recording</li> <li>Image Stabilization</li> <li>2.7" QVGA LCD screen <ul> <li>Featuring easy-to-use navigation</li> </ul> </li> <li>Built-in flash</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>14-megapixel resolution</li> <li>7x optical zoom</li> <li>2.8" LCD screen,</li> <li>Full HD 1080/60i video</li> <li>"Exmor R" CMOS sensor,</li> <li>Background defocus, manual control</li> <li>3D Sweep Panorama</li> <li>10 scene modes</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>16.15 megapixel resolution</li> <li>12 scene modes</li> <li>Zoom Lens 5X optical</li> <li>Optical Image Stabilization</li> <li>Blink detection</li> <li>2.7" TFT LCD screen with image editing features</li> </ul>



# Class #3

# Junior/Intermediate

# **Outdoor Equipment - Stoves**

Jason is going camping with his brother during spring break for 5 days. They will be hiking and backpacking through a beautiful Texas state park. He needs a quick, efficient camping stove to take on his trip, and he has \$150 to spend. Which stove is the best option for Jason?

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Camp Chef Rainier Two-Burner Stove With Griddle	MSR <sup>®</sup> MicroRocket <sup>™</sup> Backpacking Stove	Camp Chef <sup>®</sup> Stryker IsoButane Backpacking Stove	Emberlit Stainless Steel Camp Stove
\$138.00	\$79.99	\$59.99	\$44.99
<ul> <li>Weight: 16 lbs</li> <li>Fuel Type: Liquid</li> <li>Other features:</li> <li>Matchless ignition</li> <li>An included nonstick aluminum griddle means less gear to pack with you</li> <li>Three-sided windscreen locks lid and sides together to block wind and reflect heat back at food</li> <li>Built-in carry handle for convenient transportation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Weight: 16.1 ounces</li> <li>Fuel Type: Liquid</li> <li>Other features:</li> <li>features quick priming burner, self-purging aluminum pump and built-in magnetic cleaning needle.</li> <li>Packs down compactly for easy transport.</li> <li>Includes burner, pump, windshield, wear parts, lubricant and stuff bag. Fuel canisters sold separately.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Weight: 8.3 ounces</li> <li>Fuel Type: Liquid</li> <li>Other features:</li> <li>Matchless ignition and protective design shields flames from the wind</li> <li>Constructed of lightweight, hard anodized aluminum</li> <li>Includes stove, pot, fuel tank stabilizer, lid and carry bag</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Weight: 11.3 ounces</li> <li>Fuel Type: Wood</li> <li>Other features:</li> <li>Lightweight and corrosion resistant stainless steel construction</li> <li>Eliminates the need to carry fuel</li> <li>Packs flat and assembles in seconds</li> </ul>



## \*\*\*REASONS\*\*\* Class #4

# Junior/Intermediate

# **Outdoor Backpacks**

Joe and Veronica love the outdoors and hiking. They are planning on going on a weekend (3 day, 2 night) trip and need to find the perfect backpack for their adventure. Their trip will take place in May. They are looking for a lightweight backpack with plenty of room to hold their necessities (water, tools, etc.). Joe and Veronica will both be wearing the backpack. Joe's waist is 42 in. and Veronica is 30 in. They are looking to spend less than \$200.



# \*\*\*REASONS\*\*\*

# Class #5 Junior/Intermediate Nutritious Snacks

Jan will be attending her first basketball camp this summer and needs lots of energy. She is looking for a healthy snack that is low in fat and high in protein. Which option is the healthiest option for Jan?

#1	#2	#3	#4
McDonald's	Extra Cheesy	<b>Grilled Cheese</b>	Chobani Greek
<b>Medium French</b>	Pizza Lunchable	Crackers	Yogurt
Fry			
	ELECTRONIC CONTRACTOR OF CONTRAC	Captain's Wafers.	CHOBAN
Nutrition Facts	Nutrition Facts	Nutrition Facts	Nutrition Facts
Sorving Size 1 modium (117g)	Serving Size 1 package	Serving Size 6 crackers (39g)	Serving Size 1 container (170g)
Serving Size 1 medium (117g)	Amount Per Serving	Amount Per Serving	Amount Per Serving
Amount Per Serving	Calories from Fat 80	Calories from Fat 90 <b>Calories</b> 200	Calories from Fat 0 <b>Calories</b> 90
Calories from Fat 171 Calories 380	Calories 270	% Daily Values*	% Daily Values*
% Daily Values*	% Daily Values*	<b>Total Fat</b> 10g <b>15</b> %	Total Fat 5g 0%
<b>Total Fat</b> 22g <b>29</b> %	Total Fat 9g 14%	Saturated Fat 2g 10%	Saturated Fat 3g 0%
Saturated Fat 2.5g 13%	Saturated Fat 4.5g 22%	Trans Fat Og	Trans Fat Og
Trans Fat Og		Cholesterol 5mg 2%	Cholesterol 10mg 3%
Cholesterol Omg 0%	Trans Fat Og	<b>Sodium</b> 360mg <b>15</b> %	Sodium 70mg 3%
<b>Sodium</b> 270mg <b>11</b> %	Cholesterol 25mg 8%	Total Carbohydrate 22g7%	Total Carbohydrate 7g 2%
Total 16% Carbohydrate 48g	<b>Sodium</b> 570mg <b>24</b> %	Dietary Fiber 1g 4%	Dietary Fiber Og 0%
Dietary Fiber 5g 20%	Total Carbohydrate 30g 10%	Sugars 6g	Sugars 4g
Sugars Og		Protein 4g	Protein 13g
Protein 3g	Dietary Fiber 3g 12%		Vitamin A 0% C 0%
Vitamin A Vitamin C 0% 15%	Sugars 6g Protein 13g	Calcium 8%  Iron 6%	
Calcium 2% Iron 6%	Vitamin A Vitamin C 10% 10%		Calcium • Iron 0% 15%
	Calcium 35% • Iron 6%		

# Class #6 Junior/Intermediate MYSTERY – Cups

Jayden is looking to buy his favorite teacher an appreciation gift. He notices that she brings bottles of water to school frequently and likes to drink coffee. He wants a cup that is at least 24 ounces, has a lid, is durable and reusable, is insulated to keep hot drinks hot and cold drinks cold, and is dishwasher safe. Since this is his favorite teacher, he has saved up \$30 to spend. What cup should Jayden buy?

#1	#2	#3	
YETI RAMBLER	TERVIS TUMBLER	S'WELL BOTTLE	
\$27.99 each	\$29.99 each	\$32.00 each	
PRODUCT DETAILS	PRODUCT DETAILS	PRODUCT DETAILS	
Made of: Stainless Steel	Made of: Plastic	Made of: Stainless Steel	
Insulation: Double wall vacuum	Insulation: Double wall insulation	Insulation: Double wall vacuum	
insulation	Capacity: 30 ounces	insulation	
Capacity: 30 ounces	Dishwasher Safe: Yes	Capacity: 17 ounces	
Dishwasher Safe: Yes	Extras:	Dishwasher Safe: Yes	
Extras:	No lid included	Extras:	
Includes a clear, shatter-resistant lid	Reduced sweating	Lid included	
No-sweat design	BPA free	Reduced sweating	
BPA free		BPA free	





## \*\*\*REASONS\*\*\* Class #1

### Senior

# **Athletic Shoes & Active Wear**

Amy needs a running shoe and an active wear shirt for track at school. She would like arch support in her shoes. Her budget only allows for a \$100 purchase. She would like the shirt to reflect well because she likes to also run late at night during the summer or early mornings during the school year. She would also like both items to be bright colored so she can easily find them in her duffle bag.

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
	BCG Women's Invigorate 3 Running Shoes	Under Armour® Women's Micro G™ Assert V Running Shoes	ASICS® Women's Speed Collection Gel-Noosa TRI™ 9 Running Shoes
Features:			
Price	\$15.98	\$49.99	\$49.98
Weight	7.9 oz	7.5 oz	7.25 oz
Arch Sup.	No	Yes	Yes
	Nike Women's Crew Long Sleeve	BCG <sup>™</sup> Women's Reflective	BCG™ Women's Long Sleeve V
	Тор	Printed Short Sleeve Running Top	neck Embossed Running Top
Price	\$40.00	\$16.99	\$13.98
Reflective	No	Yes	Yes
Reflective	NU		
Fabric	100% Polyester	100% Polyester	90% Polyester/10% Spandex

# \*\*\*REASONS\*\*\*

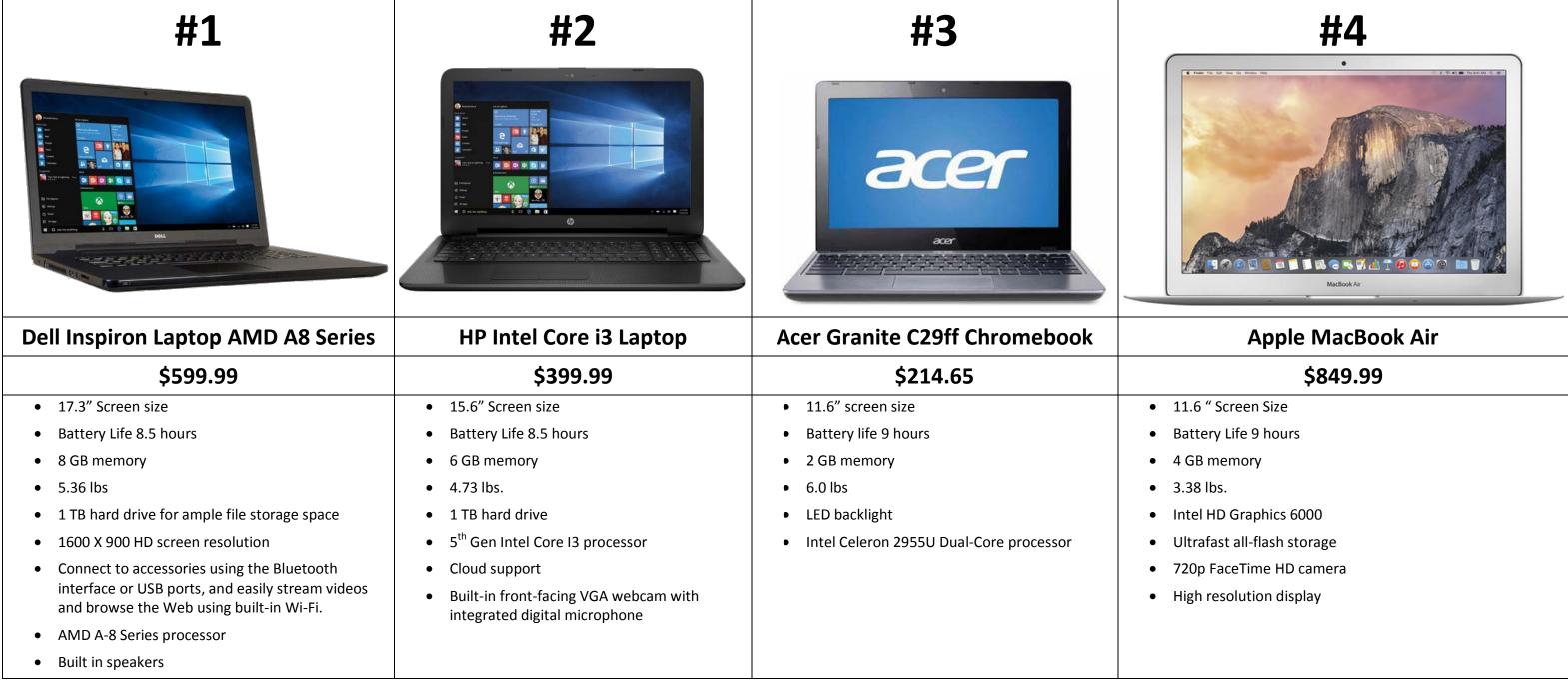


## Class #2

### Senior

# Computers

Jessica is a professional photographer and she is looking for a new computer with a bigger screen so that she can edit photos for her clients easier. Jessica would also like it to be light weight for traveling and packing purposes, but also have plenty of memory. Also, she would like to be able to use the computer without having to worry about plugging it in to charge all the time. Jessica's budget is \$850.



# Class #3

### Senior

# **Outdoor Equipment: Sleeping Bags and Tents**

Landon has decided to do a campout with his friends for his birthday. They have decided to camp out in February in the Colorado Mountains and will need a sleeping bag and a cabin tent. His budget only allows for a \$250 purchase. Landon has a lot of allergies and is normal height. He has 5 friends going with him on his trip. Which sleeping bag and tent are the best choices for Landon?

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Features:			
Price	\$69.99	\$79.99	\$59.99
Temperature Rating	+35°F	+45°F	+25°F
Insulation	down	down	synthetic
Dimensions	regular	long	regular
Price	\$127.99	\$119.99	\$140.00
People	6	4	8
Number of Seasons	3	4	4
Tent Type	Cabin	Dome	Cabin





### \*\*\*REASONS\*\*\* Class #4

## Senior

## **Outdoor Backpacks**

Joe and Veronica love the outdoors and hiking. They are planning on going on a weekend (3 day, 2 night) trip and need to find the perfect backpack for their adventure. Their trip will take place in May. They are looking for a lightweight backpack with plenty of room to hold their necessities (water, tools, etc.). Joe and Veronica will both be wearing the backpack. Joe's waist is 42 in. and Veronica is 30 in.

		<b>#3</b>
Gregory Denali 97 Pack	REI Flash 50 Pack	REI Flash 42 Pack
General Features	General Features	General Features
<ul> <li>Ultralight: No</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Ultralight: Yes</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Ultralight: Yes</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Gear Capacity: 97 liters/5,919 cubic inches</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Gear Capacity: 50 liters/3,051 cubic inches</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Gear Capacity: 42 liters/2,563 cubic inches</li> </ul>
• Weight: 6 lbs. 4 oz.	• Weight: 2 lbs. 3 oz.	• Weight: 2 lbs. 12 oz.
• Fits torso: 18-20 in.	• Fits torso: 18-20 in.	• Fits torso: 15-17 in.
<ul> <li>Fits waist/hips: 26-33 in.</li> </ul>	• Fits waist/hips: 30-46 in.	• Fits waist/hips: 26-42 in.
Material: Nylon	Material: Nylon	Material: Nylon
• Number of exterior pockets: 3 + main	• Number of exterior pockets: 7 + main	• Number of exterior pockets: 3 + main
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Price: \$199.99	Price: \$179.99	Price: \$129.99

# \*\*\*REASONS\*\*\*



# Class #5 Senior

# **Nutritious Snacks**

Jan will be attending her first basketball camp this summer and needs lots of energy. She is looking for a healthy snack that is low in fat and high in protein. Which option is the healthiest option for Jan?

#1	#2	#3	#4
McDonald's	Extra Cheesy	<b>Grilled Cheese</b>	Chobani Greek
Medium French	Pizza Lunchable	Crackers	Yogurt
Fry & Coke	& Water	& Sports Drink	& Water
		Capitain's Wafers	
Nutrition Facts	Nutrition Facts	Nutrition Facts	Nutrition Facts
Facis	Serving Size 1 package	Serving Size 6 crackers (39g)	Serving Size 1 container (170g)
Serving Size 1 medium (117g)	Amount Per Serving	Amount Per Serving	Amount Per Serving
Amount Per Serving		Calories from Fat 90 <b>Calories</b> 350	Calories from Fat 0 <b>Calories</b> 90
Calories from Fat 226 Calories 510	Calories from Fat 80 Calories 270	% Daily Values*	% Daily Values*
% Daily Values*	% Daily Values*	<b>Total Fat</b> 10g <b>15</b> %	Total Fat 5g 0%
<b>Total Fat</b> 25g <b>29</b> %	Total Fat 9g 14%	Saturated Fat 2g 10%	Saturated Fat Og 0%
Saturated Fat 5g 13%	Saturated Fat 4.5g 22%	Trans Fat Og	Trans Fat Og
Trans Fat Og		Cholesterol 5mg 2%	Cholesterol 10mg 3%
Cholesterol 10mg 0%	Trans Fat Og	<b>Sodium</b> 610mg <b>15</b> %	<b>Sodium</b> 70mg <b>3</b> %
<b>Sodium</b> 330mg <b>11</b> %	Cholesterol 25mg 8%	Total Carbohydrate 60g 7%	Total Carbohydrate 7g 2%
Total Carbohydrate 66g 16%	<b>Sodium</b> 570mg <b>24</b> %	Dietary Fiber 1g 4%	Dietary Fiber Og 0%
Dietary Fiber 5g 20%	Total Carbohydrate 30g 10%	Sugars 41g	Sugars 4g
Sugars 10g		Protein 4g	Protein 15g
Protein 5g	Dietary Fiber 3g 12%		Vitamin A 0% C 0%
Vitamin A Vitamin C 0% 15%	Sugars 6g Protein 13g	Calcium 8%  Iron 6%	
Calcium 2% Iron 6%	Vitamin A Vitamin C 10% 10%		Calcium 15% Iron 0%
	Calcium 35% Iron 6%		

# Class #6 Senior MYSTERY – Bicycles

Aaron recently decided to start a new healthy lifestyle. He wants to start riding a bicycle long distances on roads and highways. He doesn't want to spend a lot but he also wants a good quality bicycle that will last because he may want to compete in races one day. He has \$400 saved up. Which would be the best choice for Aaron?

	#2	#3	#4
Dawes Lightning 1200 27 Speed Road Bike	FIXED-GEAR / SINGLE-SPEED BIKE WITH BMX HANDLEBARS	Mongoose Vinson All-Terrain Fat Bike	Huffy Bicycle Company Men's Cruiser Deluxe Bike
\$319.95	\$299.95	\$407.00	\$229.59
<ul> <li>lightweight Altair 1 aluminum compact frame</li> <li>27 speeds</li> <li>Multiple seat positions for leisurely riding, training, or competitive racing</li> <li>Shimano STI shifters combine braking and shifting so you can stop your bike without large hand movement</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Our fixed gear bicycles are hand built for the commuter lifestyle</li> <li>One speed</li> <li>Each fixed gear bike includes a flip- flop hub, so you can easily switch from fixed riding to coasting with a freewheel.</li> </ul>	Designed with 24 speeds and great for all types of terrain, this Mongoose <sup>®</sup> men's Vinson fatbike offers a totally versatile ride! Its wide Veerubber Mission tires supply great traction no matter where you go, while the dual disc brakes make it so simple to stop.	Features cruiser frame, coaster brakes, 26" x 2.35" tires, front basket, beverage holder, dual density grips and pedals, 12-gauge spokes, fender, alloy quick release seat.

Class #1 – Athletic Shoes

Placing: 4-3-1-2

Cuts: 3-2-5

#### **Reasoning:**

#### In the top pair, I placed 4 over 3 because:

- 4 has rubber cleats
- Is made for real grass
- Has 9 spike rubber layout, which is what is used in baseball

#### Grants to 3

- They are a comparable shoe, but the coach prefers rubber cleats over metal.
- 3 costs \$5 less.

#### In the middle pair, I placed 3 over 1 because:

- 3 is a baseball cleat for real grass whereas 1 is made for artificial turf
- 3 is a baseball shoe and 1 is a lacrosse shoe.

#### Grants to 1

• 1 is much less expensive but doesn't meet the needs enough o move up in the class.

#### In the bottom pair, I placed 1 over 2 because:

• 1 is within the budget

#### Grants to 2

• 2 is a baseball shoe with rubber cleats, but...

#### I placed 2 last because:

• These shoes were over budget

<u>Class #2 – Digital Cameras</u>

Placing: 1-2-3-4 Cuts: 3-2-4

### **Reasoning:**

I placed this class of digital cameras 1-2-3-4.

In the top pair, I placed 1 over 3 because 1 has the best combination of the features for which Julie is looking. 1 has the highest optical zoom of 9x, 15 scene modes and is well within her budget of \$100 coming in at \$79.99. In addition, 1 has the largest megapixel resolution at 16 megapixels, image stabilization and the 720p HD movie recording.

I grant that 2 has a slightly bigger LCD screen.

In my middle pair, I placed 2 over 3 because 2 has greater optical zoom of 7x compared to 3's 5x optical zoom.

I grant that the 3 camera has a slightly larger mega pixel resolution, more scene modes, and is \$10 less expensive.

In my bottom pair, I placed camera 3 over 4 because has a greater optical zoom and many more scene modes compared to 4. In addition 3 has a higher resolution.

I grant that 4 is the most affordable option in the class.

I placed 4 last because it had the lowest resolution (10 megapixel), least amount of scene modes (4), smallest screen (2.5"), and the least desirable optical zoom (3x).

### Class #3 – Outdoor Equipment - Stoves

Placing: 3-2-4-1

Cuts: 3-2-4

#### **Reasoning:**

#### In the top pair, I placed 3 over 2 because:

Exactly what is needed, lightweight, Includes pot & lid, carry bag Best option for the money

Grants to 2

Grant that 2 may have more conveniences like self-cleaning, but it wasn't enough to compensate for the higher price

#### In the middle pair, I placed 2 over 4 because:

2 is a quicker heating method: liquid vs. fire

Grants to 4 Less expensive and lighter weight

#### In the bottom pair, I placed 4 over 1 because:

4 is less expensive Lighter weight More convenient

Grants to 1 Quicker heating method

I placed 1 last because: Too heavy Most expensive

### Class #4 – Outdoor Backpacks - REASONS

Placing: 2-3-1-4 Cuts: 2-3-5

#### **Reasoning:**

#### In the top pair, I placed 2 over 3 because:

It is lightest weight in the class Fits waist/hips 30-46 inches Has 7 exterior pockets for supplies More capacity than 3

Grants to 3 It is less expensive

#### In the middle pair, I placed 3 over 1 because:

It is lightweight Fits waist up to 42 in. Less expensive as 1

Grants to 1 Has the same number of exterior pockets as 3

#### In the bottom pair, I placed 1 over 4 because:

Has more gear capacity

Grants to 4 Has more exterior pockets Fits waists up to 45 in.

#### I placed 4 last because:

It is over budget

### <u>Class #5 – Nutritious Snacks</u>

Placing: 4-2-3-1

Cuts: 3-3-5

#### **Reasoning:**

#### In the top pair, I placed 4 over 2 because:

- Lowest in Total Fat (5g)
- One of the highest in Protein (13g)
- Lowest in calories (90)

#### Grants to 2

- Same amount of Protein (13g)
- Had more food groups/variety (protein, grains, dairy, vegetables)

#### In the middle pair, I placed 2 over 3 because:

- Less total fat (9g)
- More protein (13g)

#### Grants to 3

• Does not need to keep cool and very portable

#### In the bottom pair, I placed 3 over 1 because:

- Less fat by over half (10g)
- Lesson calories than 1 (200 calories)

#### Grants to 1

• More protein by 1g (3g)

#### I placed 1 last because:

- Contains most fat (22g)
- Contains most calories (380 calories)

### <u>Class #6 – Mystery – Cups</u>

Placing: 1-2-4-3

Cuts: 3-4-4

#### **Reasoning:**

#### I started the class with #1 because:

- 1 has double wall insulation
- Is within the budget and \$2 less expensive that the item in second place
- Has a lid
- Is made of durable stainless steel
- Holds 30 ounces, which is 6 more ounces than required

#### Grants to 2

• Grant that 2 is a close second but the extra price and the lack of a lid prevent it from winning the class.

#### In the middle pair, I placed 2 over 4 because:

- 2 is reusable, durable, and dishwasher safe
- 2 is double wall insulated and holds 30 ounces.

#### Grants to 4

• Grant that 4 is much less expensive

#### In the bottom pair, I placed 4 over 3 because:

• Pricing

#### Grants to 3

• Had a lid and was reusable

#### I placed 3 last because:

• It was out of the price range and did not meet the minimum ounces required

#### Class #1 – Athletic Shoes & Active Wear - REASONS

Placing: 3-2-1-4

Cuts: 2-4-3

#### **Reasoning:**

#### In the top pair, I placed 3 over 2 because:

- The shoe was the lightest (7.25 oz)
- The shoe had arch support
- The active wear was reflective
- Both pieces of the set were very brightly colored, making it easy for her to find in her bag and providing extra safety during late night/early morning runs.
- The set was less expensive that the set in second place.

#### Grants to 2

• 2 also comes close to meeting Amy's needs, but the additional weight of the shoe and the extra \$3 cost prevents it from winning the class.

#### In the middle pair, I placed 2 over 1 because:

- 2 had arch support
- The active wear was reflective
- The shirt for 2 was very brightly colored as well as part of the shoe.
- The pair for 1 was very dark colored.
- The shoe in 2 was lighter in weight.

#### Grant to 1

• It was less expensive.

#### In the bottom pair, I placed 1 over 4 because:

- The shoes in 1 weighed less than the shoes in 4.
- It was least expensive in the class.
- The apparel portion had a shirt, and 4 had a jacket & pants.

#### Grants to 4

• The shoe had arch support.

#### I placed 4 last because:

- It was a wind suit and not a shirt
- It was the most expensive (\$99.97)
- The active wear material did not have wicking properties
- Active wear was not reflective
- Athletic Shoes were the most in weight (9.3oz)

Class #2 – Computers

Placing: 1-2-4-3

Cuts: 2-4-2

#### Reasoning:

I placed this class of computers 1-2-4-3.

In the top pair, I placed 1 over 2 because in the scenario Jessica is looking for a computer that has a larger screen, plenty of memory and good battery life. 1 has the largest screen size, 8 GB of memory with a battery life of 8.5 hours.

I grant that the 2 computer is lighter in weight and the same battery life but it does not have the screen size and memory desirable for Jessica's photo editing needs.

In the middle pair, I placed 2 over 4 because 2 has a much bigger screen size and 2 GB more memory as well as a 1 TB hard drive. I criticize it has a little less battery by half a hour and is a little heavier, but 2's screen size and memory, as well as the price, bring it up higher in the class than 4.

In the bottom pair, I placed 4 over 3 because 4 has more memory and it is the lightest computer in the class. While I grant that 3 is the least expensive item in the class, its lack of memory and heavy weight places it easily in the bottom of the class.

### Class #3 – Outdoor Equipment – Sleeping Bags & Tents

Placing: 3-4-1-2

Cuts: 2-5-2

#### **Reasoning:**

#### In the top pair, I placed 3 over 4 because:

- It was a synthetic sleeping bag (no allergies)
- Best temperature reading (25)
- Regular size bag
- Sleeps 8 (needed 6 person so more than adequate)
- Cabin Tent

#### Grants to 1

• Less expensive than 4 (\$199.99)

#### In the middle pair, I placed 4 over 1 because:

- Regular size bag
- It was (35) temperature
- It slept 10 (more than adequate amount of space)
- Cabin Tent
- Had 4 seasons (1 only 3 seasons)

#### Grant to 4

• It was a synthetic sleeping bag (no allergies) while 1 was a down sleeping bag (allergies)

#### Criticism to 4

• It was the most expensive (\$229.98

#### In the bottom pair, I placed 1 over 2 because:

- It did sleep 6 (cozy but did fit 6)
- Cabin Tent
- Least expensive (\$197.98)

#### Criticisms to 1

- It was a down sleeping bag (allergies)
- It was one of the highest temperatures (35 degrees) but less than 2

#### I placed 2 last because:

- It was a down sleeping bag (allergies)
- It was long size sleeping bag
- It did not sleep but 4 people and there were 6
- It was a dome tent
- Temperature was the highest (45)

Class #4 – Outdoor Backpacks - REASONS

Placing: 2-3-4-1

Cuts: 1-4-4

#### **Reasoning:**

I placed this class of outdoor backpacks 2-3-4-1.

I found this class to break into two easy pairs. The top pair of weekender packs rises easily to the front. I started the class with number 2, the REI Flash 50 pack. This pack is the lightest weight in the class and offers the highest capacity of the weekend style packs that Joe & Veronica need. The Flash 50 pack meets the necessary waist size variations to accommodate both hikers. The 7 extra pockets also provide ample additional space to store items and necessities during their trip.

I grant that 3, the REI Flash 42 pack, is less expensive, however it was simply outmatched in regards to extra space, pockets, and the additional weight, preventing it from being the class winner.

The middle pair is an easy decision as we move from one item, number 3 the REI Flash 42 pack, that is very close to what Joe & Veronica need to a pack that simply put is too much for what they need. While I grant that 4, the Osprey Atmos 65 pack, has plenty of room and the most pockets of the class, the capacity of this pack bumps it into a multi-day pack and significantly increases the overall pack weight. Additionally, there a \$70 price difference, making the Osprey pack the less cost-efficient of the pair.

In the bottom pair, 1, the Gregory Denali pack, easily secures the last placing. Although it has the most capacity in the class, it is way more pack than what Joe & Veronica need. It's also the heaviest pack in the class. More importantly, the pack will not fit Joe's waist, making it least useful to the pair.

#### Class #5 – Nutritious Snacks

Placing: 4-2-3-1

Cuts: 4-2-5

#### **Reasoning:**

#### In the top pair, I placed 4 over 2 because:

- Lowest in Total Fat (5g)
- Highest in Protein (15g)
- Drink was water- best drink option for snack

#### Grants to 2

• Had more food groups/variety (protein, grains, dairy, vegetables)

#### In the middle pair, I placed 2 over 3 because:

- Less total fat (9g)
- More protein (13g)
- Drink was water- best drink option for snack

#### Grants to 3

• Does not need to keep cool and very portable

#### In the bottom pair, I placed 3 over 1 because:

- Less fat by over half (10g)
- Sports drink is better option than coke
- Lesson calories than 1 (350 calories)

#### Grants to 1

• More protein by 1g (5g)

#### I placed 1 last because:

- Contains most fat (25g)
- Contains most calories (510 calories)
- Coke is not a good option for a drink at any time

Class #6 – Mystery - Bicycles

Placing: 1-2-4-3

Cuts: 3-3-4

#### **Reasoning:**

I placed today's mystery class of bicycles 1-2-4-3.

Number one, the Dawes lightning 1200 jumps out as the easy favorite. I placed it first because it is within the budget, is a road bike, has 27 speeds, and can be converted into a racing bike in the future, just as Aaron wants.

While I grant that number two, the Fixed Gear Single Speed bike is significantly less expensive, the lack of necessary attributes doesn't overcome the attractive price tag.

I placed 2 over 4 because 2 is more of a road bike and designed with commuters in mind, whereas 4, the Huffy Men's Cruiser Deluxe is more of a leisure bike. The structure, frame, and style of the Huffy simply don't meet Aaron's needs as well as 2, despite a significant price advantage.

In the bottom pair, I placed 4, the Huffy, over 3, the Mongoose Vinson All-Terrain Fat Tire bike because the Mongoose was out of Aaron's price range. While I grant that the Mongoose may be more in line with Aaron's needs because of the 24 speeds, braking capacity, and heavy duty tires, it was simply out of the budget and therefore out of consideration.