

# LINEAR RELATIONSHIPS

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CCSS: F.LE.2 | TEKS: A.3C, A.2C, A.2H

The problem: Your travel blog, Pack Your Bags, has been asked to exchange free products and a paid-for vacation by a company named Travelite in exchange for the promotion of their products on your blog.

The investigation: Students will use linear relationships to help them plan a vacation within a budget and represent linear relationships with equations, tables and graphs.

**RENTAL CAR PRICING**

ZIPCAR	RENT-A-RIDE
 FULL SIZE CAR 5 passengers	 INTERMEDIATE SUV 5 passengers
Cost: \$20/DAY + \$0.50/MILE	Cost: \$25/DAY + \$0.25/MILE

**PACK YOUR BAGS**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**TRAVEL OFFER AND TERMS**

Your travel blog, Pack Your Bags, has become increasingly popular and you've been contacted by the Marketing Director of Travelite, a company that sells luggage and travel accessories. Travelite would like to provide you with free products and a paid-for vacation in exchange for the promotion of at least two of their products on your blog.

Travelite will send you several of their products including a suitcase, a duffel bag, a luggage bag, a toiletry bag, a backpack, a camera bag and a sunglasses case. In exchange for the promotion of at least two of these products, Travelite will pay up to \$1,500 towards the following trip expenses:

- A hotel for up to 5 nights
- A car rental (from approved rental car companies)

**PROJECT STAGES**

STAGE	EXPECTATION	DUE DATE
1: Intro and Research	Research and determine the location, flight and hotel for your trip	
2: Create Your Itinerary	Plan the destinations you will visit as well as the mileage driven and rental car costs	
3: Summarize and Post	Write and post your blog including your trip details and promotion of Travelite products	

**PROJECT REQUIREMENTS**

Your project will be a typed blog post that includes the following:

- Your trip and the destinations visited including flight, hotel and car rental costs
- Mileage and rental car company used
- At least two of the products of your choice

**PACK YOUR BAGS PROJECT OVERVIEW**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROJECT GOAL:**

Students will use linear relationships to help them plan a vacation within a \$1,500 budget including the flight, the hotel and rental car expenses. Students will represent linear relationships with equations, tables and graphs.

**PROJECT SUMMARY:**

Students are writers for a popular travel blog, Pack Your Bags. The Director of Luggage contacted sponsored in their

**HOW IS THIS PROJECT ORGANIZED?**

This project was designed to be completed by individual students. It has been organized in stages as outlined in the table below. The project is to include what works best with your class and schedule. *It is not a*

**STAGE**

STAGE	DESCRIPTION
1: Intro and Research	Students will learn the project scenario and will research their trip location, flight information and hotel details.
2: Create Your Itinerary	Students will plan the destinations they'll visit and will track the mileage they'd need to travel in a rental car. Then, students will choose the rental car company that is most affordable.
3: Summarize and Post	Students will write a blog post summarizing their trip, including promotion of at least two Travelite products.

All of the materials needed to use this project are included in the stage-specific materials. Each stage file to access the teacher instructions, Google Slides and any printouts.

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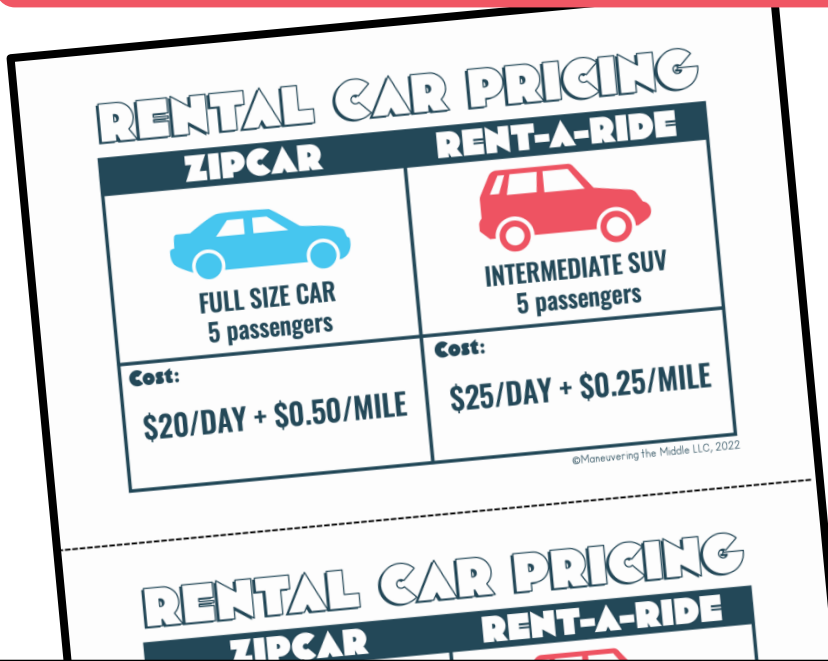
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TIME FRAME: 3-5 DAYS



how is this  
project  
organized?

materials needed:

computer  
+ internet access

STAGE	DESCRIPTION	TIME FRAME
1: Intro and Research	Students will learn the project scenario and will research their trip location, flight information and hotel details.	1-2 days
2: Create Your Itinerary	Students will plan the destinations they'll visit and will track the mileage they'd need to travel in a rental car. Then, students will choose the rental car company that is most affordable.	1-2 days
3: Summarize and Post	Students will write a blog post summarizing their trip, including promotion of at least two Travelite products.	1 day

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WHAT IS THE FINISHED PRODUCT?



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**ALGEBRA 1 PROJECT RUBRIC**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Points \_\_\_\_\_

	ABOVE STANDARD	MET STANDARD	BELOW STANDARD
<b>MATHEMATICAL CONTENT</b>	Uses linear relationships to plan a trip within a budget without errors 40 points	Uses linear relationships to plan a trip within a budget with few errors 30 points	Uses linear relationships to plan a trip within a budget with multiple errors 20 points
<b>MATHEMATICAL THINKING</b>	Demonstrates appropriate reasoning and problem solving while selecting trip details in order to stay within a budget 15 points	Demonstrates some reasoning and problem solving while selecting trip details in order to stay within a budget 10 points	Demonstrates little reasoning and problem solving while selecting trip details in order to stay within a budget 5 points
<b>PARTICIPATION</b>	Participates fully 15 points	Participates with minor redirections from teacher 10 points	Participates with major redirections from teacher 5 points
<b>FOLLOWS TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS AND PROJECT CRITERIA</b>	Follows directions and criteria fully 15 points	Follows directions and criteria with few errors 10 points	Follows directions and criteria with multiple errors 5 points
<b>FINAL PRODUCT</b>	Blog post is well organized and includes all required details 15 points	Blog post is somewhat organized and includes most required details 10 points	Blog post lacks organization and is missing several required details 5 points

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Date \_\_\_\_\_ Pd \_\_\_\_\_

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**TEACHER NOTES:**

**TOTAL POINTS:**

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PLANNING IS DONE FOR YOU

### STAGE 2 - CREATE YOUR ITINERARY

#### TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS

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#### STAGE OUTLINE

The table below provides a suggested outline for this project stage. The accompanying slide deck follows the outline shown.

STAGE 2 - CREATE YOUR ITINERARY (Estimated time: 1-2 days)	
WARM-UP	1. Give each student a Stage 2: Warm-Up sheet to answer the following: "When someone visits a new city or location, describe various ways they might determine the best spots and attractions to see."
STAGE 2: STEPS	2. Give each student a Stage 2: Recording Sheet and each group a Car Rental Pricing Information Sheet. 3. Using the pricing information and their remaining trip budget amount after Stage 1, students should write and solve an inequality to determine the maximum number of miles they can afford to travel with each car rental company. This is intended to give them a reasonable number of miles that they should be careful to not exceed when creating their itinerary. 4. Students will use the Car Rental Pricing Information sheet to write an equation and create a graph for each car rental company representing the total cost of the rental car, $y$ , with respect to the number of miles traveled, $x$ . Consider using technology (a graphing calculator, Desmos, etc.) to allow students to create the graph. 5. Students should create a presentation and record the planning location a • In Google Maps • Use the site 6. Based on the total cost, determine which rental will cost. 7. Students should create a presentation completing the "I 8. Students can spend time on a blog post summarizing information.
EXIT TICKET	9. Give each student a ticket "Describe when each car rental company is the best choice."

each of the  
three stages  
includes teacher  
lesson plans



### RENTAL CARS: WRITING COST EQUATIONS

STAGE 2

- For each rental car company:
  - Write an equation to represent the total cost of the rental car,  $y$ , with respect to the number of miles traveled,  $x$ .
  - Graph each cost equation on the coordinate grid. Be sure to consider axis titles and appropriate intervals for each axis.
- Consider how you can use your graph to determine which rental car company will be cheaper based on the number of miles you will drive during your trip.



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and a slide deck to  
present the material



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EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KEEP  
STUDENTS ON TRACK

### STAGE 2: EXIT TICKET

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe when each rental car company cost less than the other. When did the two car rental companies cost the same amount?

PACK YOUR BAGS: STAGE 2 EXIT TICKET

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✓ student materials

✓ warm-ups

✓ exit tickets

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### STAGE 2: WARM-UP

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

When someone visits a new city or location, describe various ways they might determine the best spots and attractions to see.

PACK YOUR BAGS: STAGE 2 WARM-UP

### STAGE 2: EXIT TICKET

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe when each rental car company cost less than the other. When did the two car rental companies cost the same amount?

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### STAGE 2: WARM-UP

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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PACK YOUR BAGS: STAGE 2 WARM-UP



NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

STAGE 2  
RECORDING  
SHEET

REMAINING TRIP BUDGET AMOUNT:

#### CAR RENTAL COMPANY #1:

PRICING INFO:

MAXIMUM MILES:

#### CAR RENTAL COMPANY #1

EQUATION:

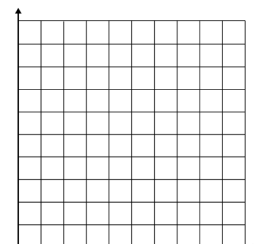
#### CAR RENTAL COMPANY #2

EQUATION:

#### CAR RENTAL COMPANY #2:

PRICING INFO:

MAXIMUM MILES:



PACK YOUR BAGS: STAGE 2 RECORDING SHEET

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