

Name _____ Hour _____

Could You Survive in Poverty?

Complete this survey by placing a check by each item you know how to do.

- _____ 1. I know which churches and sections of town have the best rummage sales.
- _____ 2. I know what a "bag sale" is and which rummage sales have them.
- _____ 3. I know which grocery stores' garbage bins can be accessed for thrown-away food.
- _____ 4. I know how to get someone out of jail.
- _____ 5. I know how to physically fight and defend myself.
- _____ 6. I know how to get a gun, even if I have a police record.
- _____ 7. I know where the closest laundromats are.
- _____ 8. I know how to get the most up-to-date bus schedules and know the closest bus stops to my home.
- _____ 9. I know the places to call for job assistance.
- _____ 10. I know what problems to look for in a used car.
- _____ 11. I know what a money order is and where to get one.
- _____ 12. I can make do without electricity or a phone.
- _____ 13. I can entertain a group of friends with my personality & stories
- _____ 14. I know what to do when I don't have money to pay the bills.
- _____ 15. I know how to move in half a day.
- _____ 16. I know what a bridge card is and what items it can be used for.
- _____ 17. I know where the free medical clinics are.
- _____ 18. I can get by without a car.
- _____ 19. I know where the closest warming center is.
- _____ 20. I feel comfortable asking strangers for money.
- _____ 21. I can easily live without daily computer access or TV.

Total checks: _____

21-16: You are street savvy and could survive in poverty

15-11: You would be able to keep your head above water

10-6: Poverty is hard in ways you hadn't even imagined

5-3: Almost impossible for you to live this way

2-0: You'd never survive. Be sure to get that college degree!!

Could You Survive in Middle Class?

Complete this survey by placing a check by each item you know how to do.

- _____1. I know how to get my children into Little League, piano lessons, soccer, etc.
- _____2. I know how to set a table properly.
- _____3. I know which stores are most likely to carry the clothing brands my family wears.
- _____4. I know the best name brands in clothing.
- _____5. I know how to order in a nice restaurant.
- _____6. I know how to use a credit card, debit card and savings account.
- _____7. I talk to my children about going to college.
- _____8. I know how to get a car loan and also get the best interest rate.
- _____9. I own my home and understand the difference between principal, interest and escrow statements on my house payment.
- _____10. I know how to help my children with their homework and do not hesitate to call the school if I need additional information.
- _____11. I know how to decorate the house for the different holidays.
- _____12. I know how to get a library card.
- _____13. I know how to use most of the tools in the garage.
- _____14. I cut my own lawn, clean my own house and do my own laundry.
- _____15. I repair items in my house almost immediately when they break - or know a repair service and call it.
- _____16. I do or have driven a brand new car.
- _____17. I see an occasional movie (or more) at the theater.
- _____18. I have been on a vacation more than once.
- _____19. My family eats a lot of fruits and vegetables.

Total Checks: _____

19-8: You are "middle America"

7-0: Do you live in the United States?

Could You Survive in Wealth?

Complete this survey by placing a check by each item you know how to do.

- _____1. I can read a menu in French, English and another language.
- _____2. I have several favorite restaurants in different countries of the world.
- _____3. Most of my family vacations take place overseas.
- _____4. I typically hire a decorator to make sure I have the latest and best in designer home furnishings.
- _____5. I know who my preferred financial advisor, legal service, designer, domestic-employment service and hairdresser are.
- _____6. I have at least two residences that are staffed and maintained.
- _____7. I know how to ensure confidentiality and loyalty from my domestic staff.
- _____8. I have at least two or three "screens" that keep people whom I do not wish to see away from me.
- _____9. I fly in my own plane or the company plane.
- _____10. I know how to host the parties that "key" people attend.
- _____11. I attend at least three prominent fund-raising benefits a year.
- _____12. I am on the boards of at least two charities.
- _____13. I know the hidden rules of the Junior League.
- _____14. I support or buy the work of a particular artist.
- _____15. My children attend private schools that cost upwards of \$20,000 per year.
- _____16. I know how to read a corporate financial statement and analyze my own financial statements.
- _____17. I have an extensive stock portfolio containing many blue chip stocks.
- _____18. I have ridden in a Ferrari, Lamborghini, Bentley or Rolls Royce (and not just once.)
- _____19. I have a summer home along with a condo in the Caribbean and a chalet for my winter getaways.

Total Checks: _____

19-15: You are one of the super-elite

14-8: You are definitely someone who has seen privilege

7-4: You've tasted a little of the good life

3-0: You're very much like "regular" Americans