*In this activity, you will play an online game, Spent, that simulates living in poverty and answer questions about the experience.*

Many Americans face severe hardship at the bottom of the income ladder. They encounter low-wage jobs, high rents, poor nutrition, lack of access to health care and other challenges. Play the game Spent ([http://playspent.org](http://playspent.org/)) to see how long you can survive on the proceeds of a low wage job. How soon will your expenses exceed your income? Spent will ask you to make a series of decisions and report the consequences back to you.

Play this game at least three times and answer the following questions:

1. What strategies did you use to make your money last through the month? (answer in 1-2 paragraphs)
2. How did you feel as you followed your strategy? For example, did denying a request for help from a family member feel like the right thing to do? Did going to work even though your child was sick seem like the best choice that you had? (answer in 1-2 paragraphs)
3. What lessons did you derive from this exercise about living on the income earned from a low-wage job? (answer in 2-3 paragraphs, be sure to include information from your text in this answer--and cite it)

Copy the questions down and then write your answers after each corresponding question.