**Comparison of Rates of Pay**

For this project, you will be using the internet and/or a library to research earnings of famous, high-profile African-Americans. You are going to compute the amount of money they earned in a specific year, and break it down several ways according to their profession.

For example, you could compute a baseball player’s salary per inning, per game, per pitch, per week, etc. In some cases, salaries may be annual. In other cases, they may be similar to piecework. For example, a movie star could receive a flat salary for an entire movie, which could take months to complete. A rock star’s earnings could be from many sources – radio play, CD royalties, concert, etc.

Pick ten African Americans and find out their earnings for a specific year. Then pick a unit that makes sense for that person’s industry, and compute their salary per unit. The headings in the following table may help you.

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| **Person** | **Occupation or Field** | **Year** | **Earnings**  | **Units** | **Number of Units in That Year**  | **Earnings per Unit** |
| \*Kobe Bryant | Basketball | 2016 | $23.5 million | Minutes | 1207 | $3,638.64 |
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\*For example: Earned $3,638.64 per minute. The previous season (2014-15) Kobe has: Played 34.5 minutes per game and 1207 minutes total. Earned $23,500,000 for the season.

Visit your city’s website and see if you can find salary of a mayor, firefighter, teacher, police officer, etc. Compare their salaries to the salaries you researched for the African American celebrities.

Prepare a report on your findings.