Benefits and Responsibilities Chart—Teacher Answer Key

| Homeownership | Renting |
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| BenefitsInterest rate and property taxes are tax deductible. Homes offer privacy from neighbors.Homeowners become part of the community.A home is a source of pride if cared for.Possible Answers from Mortgage Statement*Homeowner may have choices in the amount of money they pay each month—minimum, full, or interest only.**Homeowners have a long time (many years) to pay off a loan.* | BenefitsCheaper in costs than owning a home.Allows you to relocate to a new location or property easier.The landlord or property owner is responsible for maintenance of the property, not the renter.Possible Answers from Rental Agreement*Appliances are provided by the landlord.* |

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| ResponsibilitiesHomeowners need money and the ability to pay for the beginning costs of a home loan. Homeowners pay the monthly mortgage, plus homeowner’s insurance and property taxes.Homeowners may be responsible for closing costs and additional fees.Homeowners are responsible for all repairs and maintenance on the home.Outside property must also be maintained.Utility bills are the responsibility of the homeowner.*Possible Answers from Mortgage Statement**Homeowners are responsible for late fees, prepayment penalties.**Appliances are bought by the homeowner (inferred from rental agreement).* | ResponsibilitiesRenters must follow the rules of the lease agreement. Renters may be responsible for utilities.Renters usually pay a deposit fee.Renters may need to give written notice prior to leaving an apartment.Renter’s insurance is the responsibility of the renter in case of fire or burglary.*Possible Answers from Rental Agreement**Renters may have to pay late fees.**Renters may experience a price increase once the first lease expires.**Renters may need to pay a deposit on the apartment.* |