Understanding Credit: Financial Fitness Student Activity

# **Reading A Credit Card Statement**

A credit card statement provides information like you've used your credit card, how much you owe, how much interest you're paying, how much your minimum payment is, and how much credit you have left. The purpose of this activity is for students to learn how to read a credit card statement, understand the important values, and ensure that they stay on top of their credit card bills so that they can build a strong credit score to help later in life.

#### **SEND PAYMENT TO:**

Credit Card Company XYZ 1234 Credit Lane Credit, Illinois 60635

#### **CREDIT CARD STATEMENT**

			NAME John Doe		<b>EMENT DUE</b> ⁄19	<b>PAYMENT DUE DATE</b> 3/09/19	
<b>CREDIT LINE</b> \$1200.00	<b>CREDIT AVAILABLE</b> \$1074.76		ABLE	<b>NEW BALANCE</b> \$125.24		MINIMUM PAYMENT DUE \$20.00	
REFERENCE	SOLD	POS1	ED ACT	IVITY S	INCE LAST ST	ATEMENT	AMOUNT
463GE7382 32F349ER3 89102DIS2 NX34FJD32 84RT3292A 973DWS321	1/12 1/13 1/18 1/20 2/09	1/25 1/15 1/15 1/18 1/21 2/09	PAYMENT THANK YOU RECORD RECYCLER ANYTOWN, USA BEEFORAMA REST ANYTOWN, USA GREAT ESCAPES BIG CITY, USA DINO-GEL GASOLINE ANYTOWN, USA SHIRTS 'N SUCH TINYVILLE, USA				-168.80 14.83 30.55 27.50 12.26 40.10
Previous balance Purchases Cash Advances Payments Credits FINANCE CHARG Late Charges NEW BALANCE	ES		(+) 12! (+) (-) 16! (-) (+)	8.80 5.24 - 8.80 - - - 5.24	Amount C	mount Due Past Due Over Credit Line Payment Due	125.24 - - 20.00
FINANCE CHARGE SUMMARY Periodic Rate Annual Percentage Rate			PURCHA 1.65% 19.80%	ASES	<b>ADVANCES</b> 0.54% 6.48%	For Customer S Call: 1-800-xxx- For Lost of Stole Call: 1-800-xxx-	xxxx en Card

Please make check or money order payable to Your First Bank. Include account number on front.

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### Part 1: Analyze & Review

Review the credit card statement above, and use the statement to answer the questions below. If you do not have enough space with the answer space provided, please use the back of this sheet or attach an additional page with your numbered answers.

Question 1 What is the date of the statement and the account number for the statement?	<u>Answers</u>
<b>Question 2</b> What is the Annual Percentage Rate (APR) and the periodic rate for cash advances?	
<b>Question 3</b> What was the previous balance and what is the new balance?	
Question 4 What is the total amount of the credit line? What about the total amount of available credit?	
Question 5 Was there a finance charge for the current billing cycle? If so, how much were the charges?	
Question 6 How many credits and payments were made during the billing cycle?	
Question 7 Were there any charges for late payments? If so, how much were the charges?	
Question 8 What is the total amount of charges made during the current billing period?	
<b>Question 9</b> Where should the payment be sent?	

## **Part 2: Discuss Your Findings**

After answering the questions above, please review your findings with the class. Which information was difficult to find? Was there anything that stood out to you or was particularly interesting?