

# Activity Sheet 3: Selecting and Evaluating a Mutual Fund (Novice and Apprentice Levels)

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1. Go to <http://finance.yahoo.com> and click on the "top funds" link in the left hand navigation.
2. Click on "overall top performers".
3. Choose three mutual funds and answer the questions below.

**1. Fund Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

NAV: \_\_\_\_\_

YTD Return: \_\_\_\_\_

How has the fund performed in past five years? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the percent breakdown among Information, Service and Manufacturing holdings if the company invests in stocks?

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What are the three largest holdings of this fund? In what industry are they found?

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What level of risk is there in investing in this fund? Why?

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Would you invest in this fund? Why/ Why not?

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**2. Fund Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

NAV: \_\_\_\_\_

YTD Return: \_\_\_\_\_

How has the fund performed in past five years? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the percent breakdown among Information, Service and Manufacturing holdings if the company invests in stocks?

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What are the three largest holdings of this fund? In what industry are they found?

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What level of risk is there in investing in this fund? Why?

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**3. Fund Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

NAV: \_\_\_\_\_

YTD Return: \_\_\_\_\_

How has the fund performed in past five years? \_\_\_\_\_

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# Activity Sheet 3: Selecting and Evaluating a Mutual Fund (Master and Grand Master Levels)

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1. Go to **www.NASDAQ.com**, In “Get Up To Ten Quotes” box, click on “funds”, then go to symbol look up.
2. Type in the name of a mutual fund company. A list will pop up; choose a mutual fund.
3. When you choose a fund its symbol will appear in a box. Click on “Fund Profile.”

What is the Morningstar style box? What information does it provide to help investors make their decisions?

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Explain what blend, value, and growth mean. \_\_\_\_\_

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## 1. Fund Name: \_\_\_\_\_

What types of investments does it make? Blend, Value or Growth?

NAV: \_\_\_\_\_

YTD Return: \_\_\_\_\_

How has the fund performed in past five years? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the percent breakdown among Information, Services, and Manufacturing of the company's stock holdings if the company invests in stocks?

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What are the funds three largest holdings? In what industry/industries are they found?

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What level of risk is there in investing in this fund? Why?

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How might the information you found through your Internet research, help you decide whether to invest in this mutual fund or in individual stocks?

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Would you invest in this company? Why/ Why not?

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**2. Fund Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

What types of investments does it make? Blend, Value or Growth?

NAV: \_\_\_\_\_

YTD Return: \_\_\_\_\_

How has the fund performed in past five years? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the percent breakdown among Information, Services, and Manufacturing of the company's stock holdings if the company invests in stocks?

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Would you invest in this company? Why/ Why not?

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What types of investments does it make? Blend, Value or Growth?

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# Activity Sheet 3: Answer Key

## Answers for Morningstar Box

### Morningstar Style Box

			Large
			Medium
			Small Value Blend Growth

A growth-oriented portfolio will hold stocks of companies that the portfolio manager believes will increase factors such as sales and earnings faster than the rest of the market. A value-oriented portfolio contains mostly stocks the manager thinks are currently undervalued in price and will eventually see their worth recognized by the market. A blend portfolio might be a mix of growth stocks and value stocks, or it may contain stocks that exhibit both characteristics. Large, medium and small refer to the size of the mutual fund.

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1. Fund Name: Janus Adviser Large Cap Growth JGROX

NAV: 23.0

YTD Return: 9.53%

How has the fund performed in past five years? *It has not been around for that long!*

What is the percent breakdown among Information, Service and Manufacturing holdings if the company invests in stocks? *Health 19.89%, Industrial Materials 14.53%, and Financials 12.87%*

What are the three largest holdings of this fund? In what industry are they found?

<i>BOEING CO</i>	<i>BA</i>	<i>3.51</i>	<i>17.50</i>
<i>PROCTER GAMBLE CO</i>	<i>PG</i>	<i>3.12</i>	<i>-2.95</i>
<i>YAHOO INC</i>	<i>YHOO</i>	<i>2.86</i>	

What level of risk is there in investing in this fund? Why? *Moderate because it invests in growth companies like Yahoo but also has other companies like P & G.*

Would you invest in this fund? Why/ Why not? *Would invest in this company because in June and July it has beaten out the record of the S&P as Dow Jones.*

2. Fund Name: *answers may vary depending on fund chosen*

NAV: \_\_\_\_\_

YTD Return: \_\_\_\_\_

How has the fund performed in past five years? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the percent breakdown among Information, Service and Manufacturing holdings if the company invests in stocks?

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What are the three largest holdings of this fund? In what industry are they found?

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