The format that is used by your agency should be used to complete this assignment, and should include the following information (eg. SAFE Home Study Assessment Tool http://www.safehomestudy.org/Home.aspx)

The following information is typically included in a Home Study Assessment:

- Identifying Information for each parent
  - Name
  - Date of birth
  - Religion
  - Education level
  - Employment
  - Employer
- Study Process-dates, locations of meetings, etc.
- Motivation for and understanding of Adoption and/or Foster Care
- Background information for each parent
  - Birth Info
  - Family/Siblings
  - Discipline
  - School
  - Work
  - How they handle anger
  - Activities they enjoy alone
  - Physical Description
  - Relationship with In-laws
- Marriage/Relationship
  - How the couple met
  - Problems in adjusting
  - Difficulties
  - Describe marriage
  - Sexual relationship (especially if after infertility)
- Type of child desired
  - Age
  - Race
  - Medical issues
  - Family history

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- How they plan to celebrate/incorporate their child’s cultural heritage into their lives
- Support groups in area
- Diversity in their family, community, etc.
- Openness-what type of relationship would they like to have with birthparents?
• Child care plans
• Spiritual orientation
• Lifestyle
• Parenting skills
  o Experience
  o Philosophy
  o Plans for discipline
• Physical Health
  o Medical report for each parent
  o Include height, weight, any health issues/concerns
• Financial Information
  o Income
  o Assets
  o Liabilities
  o Life Insurance
  o Medical Insurance Provider
• Guardianship Plan
• Home and Community
• References
• Public Record Search Results
• Social Worker’s Impression and Recommendation
• Post-Placement Supervision Information