

Senior Project—Career Exploration

Goals: Your task is to figure out what you feel would be a good career for yourself and to research the skills needed to function as a contributing member of the adult society.

There are three parts to the project:

1. Research on you and your chosen career (Homework/Classwork Assignments)
2. Composition of an essay on your research (50% of project grade)
3. Creation of a Power-Point presentation (50% of project grade)

In order to complete this project you will:

- Complete a variety of research work
- Complete interviews
- Read a variety of materials
- Put together a presentation of your possible chosen path after high school

Please remember as you go about these tasks that *you may not see yourself as an adult now, but sooner or later you will need to go out on your own. How will you get by? What preparation will you need that you can begin to plan for now? Where will come by your income?*

One more thing...when choosing a career (for this project/in general), choose something that you will be excited to get up in the morning for. Do not simply choose a career to make this project simpler, use the project for your benefit. Work should make life more rewarding.

When is this due?

We will work to complete this task in-class (when available). However, the vast majority of the responsibility is on you to compete out of class. You will present during the last week of class in front of your peers.

Research Tasks to be completed before assembling essay and presentation:

- Complete Personality Tests and/or Surveys
- Read and quote from magazine/internet articles on your chosen path
- Find and quote from job listing for your chosen path
- Interview your parents or other adult on life/work skills they use daily/weekly/monthly/annually

Essay requirements

A 2-3 page paper in MLA formatting including:

- Explanation of Personality Tests
- Explanation of your weaknesses and strengths
- Explanation of which careers match your personality and which one you will focus on for this project

Presentation Requirements (Approx. Eight Slides)

- Presentation discussing the chosen career compiled research including:
- Explanation of the career (Daily responsibilities? Expectations? etc.)
- Explanation of the skills required for this job (degrees/certifications)
- Explanation of the personal and societal benefits of your job (including salary)
- How you are currently prepared/What you will need to do to become prepared for position
- Appropriate Dress and Conduct for Presentation (yes, you need to look fancy)
- Completed Cover Letter
- Completed Resumé

Research Paper Rubric: Common Core 11-12 Informative Essay Rubric (50 total points)**Presentation Rubric:**

	10 pts.	8 pts.	4 pts.
Information	Accurate and complete information is presented in a concise, logical sequence	Information gaps and lengthy text are evident	Information is incomplete: logical sequence is not evident
Background/Text	Background and text complement each other; easy to read, consistent throughout the presentation	Background is not consistent throughout the presentation; text size and color change with each slide	Text cannot be read on selected background; text size and color make it difficult to focus on information
Visuals	Graphics are appropriate and relate to content; transitions are consistent throughout the presentation	Few graphics are utilized throughout the presentation, they do not relate to the topic; transitions are not consistent or effective	Little or no attempt was made to utilize graphics or transitions
Presentation	Relaxed, self-confident and appropriately dressed for purpose; fluctuation in volume and inflection help to maintain audience interest and emphasize key points	Quick recovery from minor mistakes; appropriately dressed; fairly consistent use of direct eye contact w/ audience; satisfactory variation of volume and inflection	Some tension or indifference apparent & possible inappropriate dress for purpose; uneven volume with little or no inflection / monotonous tone causes audience to disengage
Mechanics	Spell check has been utilized throughout the presentation; correct grammar is evident	Several spelling mistakes occur throughout the presentation; a few grammar mistakes are present	Spelling mistakes occur throughout the entire presentation, standard grammar usage is not evident

Rubric Score: /50 pts.**Completeness:** /50 pts. (Penalty for missing components)