Career Research Project

Most of you will be starting your careers shortly after graduation. If you have not already, all of you need to start thinking about your next step, whether you plan to attend college, join the military, or receive training at a trade school. This project is designed to show you about the requirements you will need to prepare for whatever career you choose, so that when you exit high school you have a plan. Keep in mind, that you can always change your plan, and just because you choose this career today does not mean that your opinion will not change.

Presentation

You will need to present this information, but you may do so in a variety of different ways. Listed below are some examples of how you may present this information to your teacher.

1. Poster
   1. Make sure that your poster is neat, colorful, professional, and attractive. Include the required information as well as at least five images related to your career.
2. Website
   1. Make sure that your website is neat, colorful, professional, and attractive. Include the required information as well as at least five images related to your career. If you choose this option, you will need to email your teacher the web address. You are responsible for ensuring that the website is accessible from school computers. You may use website builders like Weebly or Wix to help you.
3. Video
   1. Make sure that your video is neat, professional, and attractive. It should be at least three minutes long. Include the required information as well as images or clips related to your career. If you choose this option, you will need to email your teacher the video or a link where teacher may view the video, like Youtube.com. You are responsible for ensuring that the video is accessible from school computers.
4. Verbal Presentation
   1. Make sure that your presentation is neat and professional. You will need to present your research to your entire class. You may use PowerPoint or Prezi to help with your presentation. If you do, each slide must include an image related to your career. You will also lose points if you read directly from the slides. If you choose this option, you will need to email your teacher the PowerPoint or Prezi. You are responsible for ensuring that the presentation is accessible from school computers.
5. Paper
   1. If you choose this option you will write a 2-3 page essay that presents the required information. Make sure that your paper professional, easy to read, and free of grammatical errors. If you choose this option, you will need to email your teacher the web address. You are responsible for bringing a printed copy of your paper the day that the project is due.

Handout

Additionally, you will need to create a one page handout with most of the information from your research to dispense to your classmates and teachers. The handout should look neat and professional. You should print a copy of the handout to give to your teacher and bring it to class on the day that the assignment is due.

Interview

You will also need to conduct an interview with a person that currently has the career you want. You will need to provide a transcript of the interview that you will turn in on the day the assignment is due. Below are ten question you will need to ask the person you interview. Additionally, you will need to create (5) five questions on your own and use them during your interview.

1. What is the name of your company or organization? What type of business is it?
2. Who are this company’s/organization’s customers/clients?
3. What is your position (title) and what are your duties?
4. How and when did you become interested in your current career?
5. What education and training (skills) did you need to get this job?
6. If I were going into this career field today, what education and training (skills) would I need to be successful? Would you recommend any particular schools or training facilities?
7. What opportunities are there for entry-level positions in this field? Is it a competitive field?
8. Is your field one that has a good job outlook for the future? Is it a growing, shrinking, or stable field?
9. What kind of advancement opportunities exist within your career?
10. What is the salary range (from the lowest to the highest amount) for this type of career?
11. How does your career affect your lifestyle (time for family, friends, hobbies, etc.)?
12. What would you do differently if you could start your career over?
13. What are your five and ten year career goals today?
14. If you were in high school today and had an interest in this career, what classes would you be taking? Why?
15. If there are some things I need to know about this career that my questions did not address, what would those things be?

Job Duties & Type of Work

1. Provide a brief description of the type of career you want.
2. What type of schedule would you be required to work? Is this a type of career that would require you to be available outside regular working hours?
3. Is this a career that can be found in the city? Can it be found in this state?
4. Is this work done inside or outdoors?
5. Does the work require intensive physical labor? What type of effects would it lead to as you age?

Educational Requirements

1. Does this career require a college or technical degree?
2. What type of degree or training do you need or is recommended to obtain employment in your chosen field?
3. What are good colleges to attend for this career?
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Required Skills

1. What skills does the career require?
2. Do you have to have these skills in order to have this career? If not, what would you need to do to acquire those skills?

Salary

1. What is the annual salary or hourly rate?
2. Does the salary stay the same or does it increase annually?
3. What is the least you could make?
4. What is the most you could make in your chosen profession?
5. Does education make a difference in salary? If so, what type of degree do you need to earn the most?

Job Benefits & Job Drawbacks

1. What are the benefits of this career? Be sure to think about monetary and non-monetary benefits.
2. What are some things that may not be so great about the career?