

8TH GRADE CAREER PROJECT

- 1) Typed research paper due Wednesday, October 8th
 - 2) Presentation board (tri-fold board that can stand on its own) due Wednesday, October 15th
- ** Papers and presentation board will only be accepted ONE day late with a 25 point deduction. No papers or board will be accepted after that date.

Research Paper

- Typed in 12 point Times New Roman font
- Double spaced
- Research citations included according to MLA format
- Works Cited page
- Numbered pages (bottom right of page)
- All required information included in appropriate paragraph
- Each paragraph should be between 10-15 sentences
- Any sentence with information from any source outside your own personal knowledge MUST be cited properly using MLA format. If you did not know the information BEFORE this project started, then you MUST cite it. Most of your sentences should have a citation at the end.

Paragraph #1: Training/education/skills

- What type of education is required and where can this education be found?
- List 3-5 universities/trade schools/etc. that provide this kind of training.
- What is the cost of education?
- Is there any type of internship/apprenticeship required?
- Does this job require any special license or passing a test to get in?
- Does this job require you to keep learning new skills?
- What technology is used?
- Do you have to communicate orally or in writing in this job?
- Do you use math or reading in this job? How or what?
- Do you use any of the sciences? What or how?
- Do you need to learn a foreign language?

Paragraph #2: Daily routine “A Day in the Life of a _____”

- Describe what a typical day would look like in your occupation.
- Include tasks to be completed, hours you work, contact with people, dress codes, tools you might use, etc.
- If you shadow someone, include those observations and any other information you learned here

Paragraph #3: Salary/Benefits & Future Outlook

- What is a typical starting wage?

- How can salary change over time?
- Is travel required?
- What advancement possibilities exist?
- What differences are there in this career from one company to another?
- What insurance benefits are there?
- What retirement benefits exist?
- What will this career look like in 10 years?
- Is there job security in this career?

Paragraph #4: Personal Reflections

- Include your thoughts on your research. Is this still a job that you want to pursue?
- If you have changed your mind, tell me why
- If you shadowed, please include what you experienced and what you learned

Presentation Board

During the course of your research, you will find information for the following five categories. Using the information from your research paper, choose the most important points from each category and include them on your board. You can present the information in writing, in pictures, graphs or charts, or even with props (items from your chosen career). It must be legible and creatively presented.

Section 1: Training/Education/Skills

Section 2: Daily Routine

Section 3: Salary/Benefits & Future Outlook

Section 4: Personal Reflections

Scoring Guide for Presentation Boards:

Presentation Boards will be graded on a scale of 1-4

(Distinguished (4) Proficient (3), Apprentice (2), Novice (1), Not Included (0) based on the following criteria:

Neatness – Is the information presented in an easy-to-read format? Do you have legible lettering and clear divisions between each section?

Research Referenced – Is your information properly cited? Is all information accurate?

Creativity – Did you present your information in an artistic and creative way? Did you add color and arrange your information in an attractive way?

Academics – Is everything spelled correctly? Did you include all required information? Did you use complete sentences in your explanations?