

# Career Investigation

(Worth 3 grades in the grade book for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Nine Weeks)



## Due Dates:

Purple Day, Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>

Red Day, Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

## Assignment:

If you choose this particular science project, you will need to choose and research a career that interests you and that REQUIRES an advanced degree (schooling beyond high school). Below are the project requirements:

- Submit a typed, 3 FULL PAGE MINIMUM research paper and a 1 page interview on your chosen career, complete with a correctly formatted (MLA) bibliography
  - *12 pt font, double-spaced, NO DECORATIVE FONTS*
  - *Your heading (name, period, title) of your research paper MAY NOT exceed 2 ½ inches from the top of your paper.*
- Create a Tri-Board display of your career (similar to a science/history fair project board)
  - *Your board needs to be neat, organized, and colorful.*
  - *Each topic presented on the board needs to be CLEARLY LABELLED*
- Conduct a professional interview with someone in that career.
  - MAY NOT BE USED AS A SOURCE FOR YOUR RESEARCH PAPER.
  - *Your interview CANNOT BE ONE OF YOUR PARENTS; you must find someone else in the field you are researching and set up an interview – This can be in person, over the phone, or via email.*
  - *You will need to provide the full name of the person, the company name, and a contact phone number and email address.*

## Topics that must be in your written report and ON display board:

- What is the career you researched and WHAT about this career interests you the most.
- Describe the career...tell me what someone does in that career on a day-to-day basis.
- What qualities should a person have that will enable them to be successful in that career?
- What high school courses should one take to prepare him/her for the career?
- What college degree would one seek? Bachelors? Masters? Doctoral?
- What universities (in AND out of Texas) provide good programs for the career?
- What is the estimated cost of education for the college degree (consider tuition, room and board, and estimated books).
- What are the usual salaries for your career?
- Is the job promising in the next five years? The next ten years?

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## Display board layout:

- Your ideas must be presented on a TRI-FOLD backboard (as well as including them in your research report).
- MUST include pictures, graphs, data tables (graphics that help to express the information).
- You will want to separate each segment of information and provide TYPED text/captions underneath.
- Keep in mind that your display board will need to be neat, organized, and eye-catching. You will not cut and paste your research paper and put it on the board! Instead you will need to use graphics to convey your ideas and include well-written captions to explain your data.

### Note:

**You are NOT to put your written report on the board or use the topics listed above as the script for your interview. Your interview should “enhance” (provide additional information) your research, not be a source for your research paper.**