

**M S - A&B ENGLISH**  
**3RD MARKING PERIOD**  
**CAREER PLANNING RESEARCH PAPER**

*See research paper overview packet for MLA formatting guidelines*

**A SUCCESSFUL CAREER PAPER MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:**

1. Discussion of your career goals.
2. Description of your talents and interests and how it relates to your career choice.
3. Discussion of the outlook for that career and the potential earnings.
4. Look at the advantages and disadvantages of the possible career
5. Citation of sources correctly using MLA format.

**PRE- THINKING / PRE-WRITING**

**As with all essays and research papers the process for writing begins with thinking, taking notes and prewriting.**

6. Brainstorm careers as a class or with friends or family members.
  - ✓ Think of all the people you've talked to in the last 24 hours and jot down their career.
  - ✓ What careers appeal to you?
  - ✓ What careers do you think you'd be good at? Why?
  - ✓ Skim the classified ads.
  - ✓ Look at Careerbuilder.com or Monster.com for career ideas.
7. Choose a career topic to research.
8. Examine your goals: A career choice should take into account money, hours, advancement opportunities, and location. Examine your skills and interests. Take note of what you are good at, and more importantly, what you would like to be good at.
9. Do career research online. If time permits, spend a day in the library and/or interview people doing a career that interests you. Document your sources as you search. Remember, you need to find and cite at least 3 sources and reference those sources properly in your paper.
10. Pay careful attention to the advantages and disadvantages of possible careers. Make a list.
11. Match the career with your goals, skills, and interests. That's your topic!

## **INTRODUCTION**

In the introductions you must include information about yourself, your goals, interests, talents. Be sure to end the introduction with an affirmative, declarative sentence about the career you chose for the topic of your paper.

## **BODY**

In the body of your paper, you must include a specific job description with background information and include earnings and outlook, qualifications and interests and specific references to your list sources in your bibliography. Be sure to discuss the positives, negatives, and skills you will need to improve to excel in this career.

## **CONCLUSION**

Your conclusion must summarize the career choice, describe what you are looking forward to and list specifically how you will focus in order to prepare or train for this career

## **WORDS CITED PAGE**

Must use MLA format required - 3 sources minimum

## **ORGANIZATION**

Must be written in an organized and logical format.

## **SENTENCE STRUCTURE & GRAMMATICAL MECHANICS**

Paper must contain varied sentence structure and few if any grammatical and mechanical errors.

## **LENGTH OF PAPER**

**MS- D English - 500 words MINIMUM**

## **REQUIRED ITEMS TO INCLUDE:**

- Educational requirements
  - Does this career require a college or technical degree?
  - How many years of school?
  - What are good colleges to attend for this career?
- Required Skills
  - What skills does the career require?
  - Do you have to have these skills in order to have this career?
- Salary
  - What is the annual salary or hourly rate?
  - Does it stay the same or does it increase annually?
  - What is the least you could make? Most?
  - Does education make a difference in salary?
- Job Duties & Type of Work
  - What is the job description?
  - What hours/days are required to work?
  - Is this a career that can be found in any city?
  - Is this work done inside or outdoors?
- Job Benefits & Job Drawbacks
  - What are the benefits of this career?

- What are some things that may not be so great about the career?

## **TIPS**

- ✓ Don't procrastinate!
- ✓ Be organized.
- ✓ Work on your paper numerous times, so you are fresh and do your best work.
- ✓ Follow the guidelines. Take your work seriously.
- ✓ Ensure your formatting is correct. Writing is a process and we are all constantly improving. But when you finish the paper and it is ready for submission, it should be free of errors and typos and be grammatically correct. Do your best work.
- ✓ Don't even think about plagiarizing any part of your paper. It will result in an automatic '0' for your grade.
- ✓ A hard copy submission required. You may not email your paper. It must be printed at home and handed in at school. No papers can be printed at the school.

## 2021-2022 Due dates & Deadlines

<u>BENCHMARKS</u>	<u>DUE DATES</u>
<b>DISCUSSION OF ASSIGNMENT</b>	<b>Friday December 3rd</b>
<b>TOPIC (CAREER CHOICE) DUE</b>	<b>Monday December 6th</b>
<b>RESEARCH (BIBLIOGRAPHY) DUE</b> <b>Minimum 3 sources</b>	<b>Tuesday December 7th</b>
<b>INTRODUCTION DUE</b>	<b>Wednesday December 8th</b>
<b>ROUGH DRAFT DUE (TYPED)</b> <b>Can be emailed</b>	<b>Friday December 10th</b>
<b>FINAL PAPER DUE</b>	<b>Wednesday, December 15th</b>

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