

Career Exploration Essay

- 1) Write a 5-paragraph essay (no more than 2 pages, double-spaced total length) using the career exploration you did on the [Career Zone New York](#) and the [US Department of Labor - Bureau of Labor Statistics](#) websites.
- 2) Use the information you collected on your worksheets to write your essay.
- 3) Include the information outlined on the next page of this packet.
- 4) The paper should be in the MLA format – see the handout for details.
 - a. Give it a title – for instance, Exploring the Automotive Technician Profession
 - b. Margins of one (1) inch all sides.
 - c. Times New Roman font in 12 point
 - d. Double spaced
 - e. Align all to left margin
 - f. In the upper right header, type your last name and page #
 - g. Heading (example):

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Ellis Island Deserves Remembrance

Despite its small size, Ellis Island -- a tiny strip of land located in Upper New York Bay -- holds a huge chunk of the history of the United States. Sixteen million immigrants arrived in

Paragraph One: Your Interests and the Career

- 1) In a topic sentence, state a profession that interests you. Choose one of the professions you explored on the BLS and Career Zone websites.
- 2) Explain in 1-2 sentences why this job interests you.
- 3) Briefly (1-2 sentences) describe the personal interests, values and/or working styles that will help you succeed in this profession.

(Examples: hard working/good attendance/knowledge of/like to build things/ problem solver/know who to ask or where to look for answers to questions, if you don't know/honest/good customer service skills – speaking / explaining things clearly/and simply/ good math skills/ etc).

Paragraph Two: Job Description/Tasks performed

- 1) Provide a short description of the occupation.
- 2) Give a brief description of the work environment of the profession.
- 3) Briefly describe 3 tasks a worker in this profession performs.

Paragraph Three: Training, Range of Wages and Job Outlook

- 1) Describe the training required for an entry-level position in this profession (e.g. trade school, college with a major in engineering, professional certification).
- 2) Describe the range of wages for this profession.
- 3) Describe the job outlook for this occupation.

Paragraph Four: Similar Occupations

- 1) Identify 1 similar occupation to the one you're writing about.
- 2) Briefly (2-3 sentences) explain how this alternate profession is similar to the one you are exploring in your paper.

Paragraph Five: The Future

- 1) Describe your vision for your **possible** future in this profession. What will your professional life look like after 20 years? (This question is about your sense of the opportunities for personal growth available in this career.)

Career Exploration Worksheet 1/3

Your Name: _____

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- 1) What is the occupation title and brief description of the profession? (BLS)

- 2) What training and education is required for an entry-level position and what additional education is required for advancement in the profession? (e.g. education (high school, college) on-the-job, certifications.) (BLS and Career Zone).

- 3) What is the range of wages earned by workers in this occupation? (BLS & Career Zone)

- 4) What personal interests, values and styles will help you succeed in this profession? (Career Zone)

- 5) What is the work environment of this profession? (BLS & Career Zone)

- 6) List 5 tasks a worker in this profession is called upon to do regularly. (Career Zone)

- 7) What is the job outlook for your chosen career? (BLS & Career Zone)

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