Career Research Paper

Using various resources you will gather information about a career that you are interested in pursuing. Try to address as many of the following questions as possible. Save your sources as you will need to cite them on the last page of your paper.

What is the career title (be as specific as you can): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Education & Training

* What is the minimum education required for this job? (What type of degree? How many years?)
* How many years of study are involved?
* How much will the school or training cost?
* Where would you have to obtain this education? Or where would you choose to personally? (On the job training, technical school, trade school, university?)
* How do you get into these schools?

Job Skills, Talents, and Experience

* What special skills, talents, or personality traits are necessary for this occupation?
* Where could you gain experience ahead of time (now)?
* In what ways are you suited for this career?
* What personality traits do you have that you believe will benefit you in this career?
* Why do you want this career? Why should others want this job?
* What real life experience have you had that have prepared you for this job?

Earnings

* What is the standard beginning wage for this job?
* Would you have to relocate to have this job?
* What is the maximum salary for this job?
* What factors effect salary range? Education? Experience? Level? Location?
* What expenses are involved in setting yourself up in this profession? Do you have to pay for your own equipment or tools? What about uniforms or a dress code?
* Would it be an hourly pay or a salary?

Benefits/ Health Factors

* Is insurance provided or do you have to pay for it yourself?
* Are there any health or safety issues at this job?
* Are there any other benefits that would come with this job such as: paid vacation time, retirement plans, company car, travel, etc.

Employment

* How hard is it to get a job in this field?
* What is the growth potential for this job?
* Are there any restrictions to being employed in this career? As in you must be able to physically lift things or you can’t have any criminal record?
* What kind of company will you end up working for?

Typical Day

* Describe the typical day for a person in this job.
* What are the usual working hours?
* Would any work have to be brought home?
* What is the best part of the day?
* What would be the most challenging thing for you to do?

Paper Requirements

Career of your choice

* Information about what your career choice is and why you chose it
* Should be a legitimate career that data can be found on – so no making stuff up!
* Length Requirement: 3 to 5 pages double spaced

Formatting Requirements:

* Typed
* No larger than 12 point regular font
* Regular margins
* Double spaced

Mechanics Requirements:

* Correct Spelling
* Proper Grammar
* Correct Punctuation
* Overall flow

Paper Requirements:

* Make sure facts and information about your subject are accurate
* Citations within the text or footnotes
* Conclusion
* Header with name, class, date, and assignment
* Footer with correct page numbers

Bibliography

* At least 5 sources
* Reliable sources!
* Citations for each of your pictures in addition to topic citations
* Correct citations for everything!