**College and Career Readiness Unit Post Assessment- Writing Task**

**Career and Occupation Research Paper Due:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

The seventh grade has now finished the College and Career Readiness Unit as part of the Common Core Curriculum for middle school literacy. As a post assessment and writing assignment, seventh grade students will be using the writer’s process to complete a research project on the career that best suits them according to the activities in the unit. The research paper will report on key areas and components that explain the career or occupation the path a person would take to obtain that job. The paper will follow a specific format (listed below) and will be assessed using a specific rubric. All of the areas listed below must be included in the paper for full credit. The final paper should be typed in size 12 font, Arial or Times New Roman. If the student does not have access to a computer, the final paper can be neatly written in blue or black ink, free of errors.

**Traits of the Research Paper**

**Introduction:** Provide a rationale for your paper. Introduce the career or occupation and why you chose this for the paper. Avoid using the first person. Guiding questions:

* What is the job or career title? What area does it focus on? (i.e. Humanities, Civil Service, Law Enforcement etc.)
* Provide a description of the career or occupation. What are your responsibilities?
* Give an introduction to what you will discuss and report on in your paper. ( What will each paragraph be about)

**Body Paragraph 1:** Job Description

* Describe the job – What field of work is it in? What population, if any, do you service?
* Who does this job impact? The community? The state? The world?
* Is this job only offered in certain parts of the city? of the world?
* What physical environment would a person work in in this line of work? A Factory? A school?

**Body Paragraph 2:** Skills

* What skills or talents does this job require? ( i.e. organization, CPR , punctuality etc.)
* Why are these skills or talents needed to succeed in this profession?
* How can these skills be developed or strengthened in order to succeed in this position?
* What physical traits are required to obtain this position?
* What mental or academic skills are needed?

**Body Paragraph 3:** Schooling

* What educational level does one need to obtain this job? High School Diploma? College Degree?
* How many years of schooling are required for this position?
* Are there any professional development courses or skills training required to work in this area?
* What are some local schools or universities that offer classes to prepare for this occupation?
* Are there any additional classes or degrees that one can take after they are hired to increase their skills?

**Body Paragraph 4:** Salary and Finances

* What is the yearly income of a person with this job title?
* What is the maximum amount (estimated) that a person can earn in a year in this position?
* Is there a way to earn more money if one pursues additional college credit or skill training?
* Does this job offer tenure ship? Is there a labor union that represents you?
* Does this occupation offer health benefits for the worker and their family?

**Conclusion:**  Conclude the paper by restating some of the basic information about the occupation of your choice. Include reasons why one would choose this occupation. Also, include some of the skills that would help someone excel in this area.

**References:** In order to complete this paper, you must use at least (3) Three valid and credible sources to find information. On the Reference Page please cite these sources in MLA format. A link to help you with your citation can be found on the Library Weebly Page.

**Helpful Tips for Students and Teachers:**

* Use the writer’s process to collect, organize, edit, and revise information before the final draft.
* Use sources that are reliable and credible, make note of what information came from which source.
* Follow all guidelines when publishing so that you do not lose points.
* Some information may not apply to your occupation; you may add any additional information that you find relevant in its place.
* Remember to use transitional words or phrases to connect ideas, paragraphs, and information.
* Avoid the first person and use more general pronouns instead of “I” or “me”
* Use the graphic organizer to help you plan your paper before you draft.
* All papers must be submitted by the due date at the top right corner of this page, no exceptions.