

Career Research Assignment

For this part of the research project, you will need to refer to

- 1) "Careers" (you saved this to a document after completed the Personality Profiler on the College Board website), and
- 2) your World of Work Map (found on your PLAN test results,
- 3) *Occupational Outlook Handbook* (found on the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics website: <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>).

First look at the two columns of blue squares from "Careers for My Type." Ideally, you will be able to find instances where you have two squares beside some of the careers. If so, circle these. If not, proceed to the next step, and consider only those careers with a box in the right column (these are suited for your personality).

Next, compare the careers you marked above with the career fields that are shaded on your World of Work Map. You may also reference specific careers shaded to the right of the map. Look for any careers that seem to appear on BOTH documents. You will need to select THREE specific careers suggested to you by your Personality Profile and the World of Work Map.

Search for these careers on the *O.O.H.* website. *Occupational Outlook Handbook* is the U.S. government's database that tells you everything you want to know about potential future careers. Spend some time looking at the "Occupation Groups" on the left of the screen. You may also access a list of careers on the "A-Z Index."

Keep in mind that your first two sources may have named or characterized careers differently than this site does, so you may have to search around a bit. Also, when you scan the information for a specific career, you might also look under "Similar Occupations" (tab at the far right) and change your focus.

After reading through and selecting the three careers, copy and paste in a new document the description, including the following categories: "Summary," "What They Do," "Work Environment," "How to Become One," "Pay," and "Job Outlook." "More Info" (found to the far right) will sometimes provide you with very good links as well. Search for other pertinent information among these extra sources. After saving your file, select ONE of these careers and, copy and paste all associated descriptions into a Word file. Keep a saved copy of all this information.

Using the information, compose a 2-paragraph draft in which you

- 1) describe the process you used to select the three careers (basically, a recapitulation of the first two paragraphs at the top of this page) AND describe how you narrowed down the list of three careers to one (what did you read that made you less interested in the other two? What was more attractive about the one you chose)
- 2) summarize ALL of the information about the ONE career you chose to research (Summary, What They Do, etc.). All of this draft should be written IN YOUR OWN WORDS. Save the information from "How to Become One" for last because this will serve as a bridge to the next stage of your research (college search).

We will talk later about how to create the MLA citations for this part of the project, but you will need to record the date that you accessed the *O.O.H.* website. These printouts and your write-ups are due on **Monday, February 26th.**