



Lesson Title: “Planning Your Career”

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Introduction:

Now is the time to start your journey to success! Taking time to reflect on your strengths and interests will help you determine the best career path for you.

Task:

In this lesson you will complete a Career Interest Survey. The results from this survey will rank the top 3 industries that fit your strengths and interests. From here, you will be able to research potential career options using O*Net OnLine (<http://www.onetonline.org/>).

Process:

1. You will complete the “Planning Your Career” note sheet as you listen to a teacher-led discussion over the “Planning Your Career” Keynote presentation.
2. Your teacher will then provide you with the “Career Technical Education – Career Interest Survey”. Complete this survey and identify the top 3 industries that match their strengths and interests.
3. Once you have your results, access the O*Net OnLine database of careers to find 2 career options that interest you. Once two are selected, complete the “Job Analysis” worksheet.
4. For your summative assessment, you will answer two reflection questions provided by your teacher. Your responses can be collected in a variety of ways - class blog, class discussion board, voice recording, written, emailed, etc.
5. Once finished, begin making a list of your strengths that specifically match the demands of the two potential careers you analyzed. This will help you begin writing an appropriate resume, which is the next lesson in this chapter, “Effective Resumes”.

Conclusion:

We have spent time reflecting on your strengths and interests, exploring different career options and completing a job analysis. Now is the time to reflect on the process.

Assessment Activity:

Answer the following questions in your reflection. **Please take your time and be thorough in your responses. This is a summative grade.** You can record your responses on your class blog.

1. After analyzing two potential careers on your Job Analysis Worksheet, what is your top career choice? List TWO positives and TWO negatives about that career.
2. After going through the career-decision making process, do you have a better idea about a career for your future? Why or why not?

Extension Activity:

If you have extra time in class, research more about your two potential careers using online career job opportunity sites (Monster, CareerBuilder, Indeed, Career Link, etc.) to find potential job openings in your desired location. Share the job opening you are most interested in “pursuing” in a blog post on your class blog. Include 3 pros and 3 cons in holding this specific position.

Once you have completed the reflection, begin creating a list of your personal strengths that specifically match the demands of the two potential careers that you analyzed. This can be completed on a piece of notebook paper or in a Word document. It will be used in our next lesson as we learn how to effectively write a resume.