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**Senior Career Research Project**

**Career: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

* Choose something that interests you.
* Choose a career *over which you will be able to conduct an interview with someone.*

**Due date: Tuesday, September 15, 2015**

*If you choose to turn in your research project after the deadline –* ***September 15*** *- you will receive a 10-point reduction per day late.*

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| **DATE(S)\*** | **ASSIGNMENT** | **LOCATION** |
| Tuesday, Sept. 1 | Overview/Orientation  Expectations  Project Packet  Visual Rubric  The Interview | Library Computer Class |
| Wednesday, Sept. 2 | **Library**  Research  OKCareerGuide.org  Data Base  Books  Credible Web Source | Library Computer Class |
| Thursday, Sept. 3 | Plagiarism  Research Sources  Preparing your research  Citation Information | Library Floor |
| Friday, Sept. 4 and Tuesday, Sept. 8 | Organize  Highlight  Synthesize  **Working Outline** | Classroom  Monday, Sept. 7 – Labor Day – NO SCHOOL |
| Wednesday, Sept. 9- Tuesday, Sept. 15 | Type the PPT | **Computer Lab –**  **Room 31** |

***\*This schedule is subject to change based on changes in availability to the library, computer lab, etc.***

**Standard MLA format will be used for this paper.**

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PowerPoint/Slides**

**REQUIREMENTS**

1. Standard MLA format
2. Typed
3. Printed PowerPoint – two slides per page
4. Minimum 5 sources
5. All sources and assignments must be turned in with the final printed PowerPoint project. If sources are not included or if a work cited info slide is not included, the project will not be accepted until all associated sources and assignments are included.

# SLIDES 7-12 Historical Background/Connections

3 different historical connections  
2 slides per connection

**SLIDE 4**Earnings and Projected Salary

# SLIDE 5 Employment Outlook

# Employment

**Outlook**

**SLIDE 3**Training and Education

# SLIDE 2

Job Description

# Job

# Description

# SLIDE 1 Title Page \*MLA Format

# SLIDE 6

Career Ladder/Lateral Movement

**Lateral Movement**

# SLIDES 13-14 Interview

Best two questions  
One question and answer per slide

**SLIDE 15**Works Cited Slide  
MLA Format

Following each step designed for this research project,

keeping up with each step designed for this research project,

and being prepared each day to work diligently on this research project,

will result in your anxiety going down and your productivity going up.

It is my goal for you to be successful researching and creating this project.

1. **Career Analysis: Slides 2-6**

This research can be obtained through a database subscription service. A paper copy of all sources used in the project must be included as an artifact for this section. The information will be highlighted and turned in on the due date. Info is as follows:

Web address: http://www.okcareerguide.org

User name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Password: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Slide 2:** Job Description

**Slide 3:** Training / Education

**Slide 4:** Earnings / Projected Salary

**Slide 5:** Employment Outlook (What is the market for this job? Potential opportunities? Will this job be relevant in coming years?)

**Slide 6:** Career Ladder / Lateral Movement (lateral movement = jobs at same level, career ladder = advancement opportunities, etc.)

1. **Historical background/connections: Slides 7-12**

The research for the Historical Background will be completed through books, encyclopedias, and computer searches. Yes! You can find something for every career. For example, if you choose medicine as a career, you may research a famous medical person. If you choose a career in the computer field, you may choose to research the development of the microchip. If you choose auto mechanics, the historical background could be the invention of cars. Paper copies of all sources used must be included as an artifact for this section. The information will be highlighted and turned in on the due date.

Acceptable web addresses that may be used are as follows:

* .org
* .edu
* .gov
* .mil

1. **Interview: Slides 13-14**

This part of the project consists of the Interview with someone who is currently active in the career you chose to research. For this part of the paper, a handout with questions has been attached. You may choose 10 of the questions provided or compose your own questions. However, a minimum of 10 must be asked, answered, and recorded. The interview can be conducted in person, through email, on the phone, or by fax. Questions with answered responses must be typed and printed and included as an artifact for this section.

1. **Works Cited: Slide 15**

This part of the project is the location that each source used in the paper will be documented. The project must include a minimum of 5 different sources. Sources that must be included are as follows:

1. OKCAREERGUIDE.ORG
2. Data Base/Online Book
3. Print Book
4. Choice (This means as a researcher you get to choose the second Data Base/Online Book/Print Book)
5. Interview

**Possible Interview Questions**

**Be Prepared Be Interested Be Assertive Be Polite**

Below are a set of questions that might help you in your interview. Keep this sheet with your Research Paper resources and feel free to add questions that you feel could be important to use when you hold your interview. Review the list prior to holding your interview and adapt the questions to fit your needs. When you interview, either write the answers down to the questions you ask, or get permission, in advance, to tape your entire interview.

The heading on your interview paper should include:

* Business name
* First and last name of person you interview
* Job title
* Occupation
* Work address – street address, city, state, zip
* Work telephone

1. Why are you interested in this field?
2. When did you decide this was what you wanted to do?
3. Did any one person have an impact on your decision?
4. What college did you attend?
5. What courses did you take after high school to prepare you for your profession?
6. Did you attend graduate school? If so, for how long, and in what area(s) of specialization?
7. What colleges offer the strongest/best programs in this field?
8. Were there any college scholarships available in this field?
9. What subjects did you take in college? How important are grades?
10. How would you describe your day?
11. What do you enjoy most about your job? What do you like the least about your job?
12. What part of the country will have the greatest demand for this job in the future?
13. What are the starting salary and the salary potential over an extended period of time?
14. What is the cost of starting a practice or business in your field?
15. What books would you suggest that could be helpful in learning more about this field?
16. Are there professional meetings or seminars related to this career that I could attend?
17. What professional organizations exist in this field?
18. In addition to a college degree, what special training courses are required? Please describe them.
19. How important are interpersonal skills in this career?
20. In what ways do you keep current with new information in this career?
21. Do you continue to attend classes, seminars, workshops on a regular basis?
22. What entry-level position did you start out in?
23. How many years did you work before you were promoted?
24. What was difficult to get used to when you first began your job?
25. Was the job what you expected?
26. What advice would you give to someone who is just starting out?

***Remember to thank the person for his/her time and ask if there is anything else he/she would like to add.***

***Best of luck on the interview.***

**MLA Citation Format for Career Research and Presentation Project**

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| **OKCAREERGUIDE.ORG:**  “Sports Psychologist.” *Oklahoma Career Guide*. Web.  17 Sept. 2010.  **Parenthetical citation cited like this on EACH slide: (**“Sports Psychologist”). |
| **Careers in Focus Book:**  *Careers in Focus: Engineering*, 2nd ed. Chicago: Ferguson, 2006. Print.  **Parenthetical citation cited like this on EACH slide:** (*Careers in Focus: Engineering*). |
| **Book with one author:**  Field, Shelly. *Career Opportunities in Health Care*, 3rd ed. New York: Ferguson,  2007. Print.  **Parenthetical citation cited like this on EACH slide:** (Field 28-30). |
| **Book with two authors:**  Devantier, Alicia and Carol Turkington. *Extraordinary Jobs in Sports.*  New York: Infobase, 2007. Print.  **Parenthetical citation cited like this on EACH slide**: (Devantier 45). |
| **Book with Corporate Editor:**  JIST. *Salary Facts Handbook.* Indianapolis: JIST, 2008. Print.  **Parenthetical citation cited like this on EACH slide:** (JIST). |
| **Interview:**  Gates, Bill. Telephone Interview. 14 Oct. 2011. Interview.  **Parenthetical citation cited like this on EACH slide:** (Gates). |
| **Website:** (Note: You may only use .edu, .gov, .mil or .org sites.)  “Careers for History Majors.” *American Historical Association*. 2009. Web.  14 Sep. 2011.  **Parenthetical citation cited like this on EACH slide:** (“Careers for History Majors”). |

**Outline Example**

**Career: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

1. Introduction
   1. Title MLA format
   2. Overview
2. Career
   1. Description (cite)
   2. Training/Education (cite)
   3. Earnings (cite)
   4. Outlook (cite)
   5. Career Ladder (cite)
3. History
   1. Historical Connections two per slide (cite)
   2. Historical Connections two per slide (cite)
   3. Historical Connections two per slide (cite)
4. Interview
   1. Best two questions
   2. One question and answer per slide (cite)
5. Works Cited

**What is plagiarism?**

Many people think of plagiarism as copying another’s work, or borrowing someone else’s original ideas. But terms like “copying” and “borrowing” can disguise the seriousness of the offense:

According to the *Merriam-Webster OnLine Dictionary*, to “plagiarize” means

1. to steal and pass off (the ideas or words of another) as one's own
2. to use (another's production) without crediting the source
3. to commit literary theft
4. to present as new and original an idea or product derived from an existing source.

In other words, plagiarism is an act of *fraud*. It involves both **stealing** someone else’s work and **lying** about it afterward.

But can words and ideas really be stolen?

According to U.S. law, the answer is yes. In the United States and

many other countries, the expression of original ideas is considered

intellectual property, and is protected by copyright laws, just like original

inventions. Almost all forms of expression fall under copyright protection

as long as they are recorded in some media (such as a book or a computer file).

All of the following are considered plagiarism:

* turning in someone else’s work as your own
* copying words or ideas from someone else without giving credit
* failing to put a quotation in quotation marks
* giving incorrect information about the source of a quotation
* changing words but copying the sentence structure of a source without giving credit
* copying so many words or ideas from a source that it makes up the majority of your work, whether you give credit or not (see our section on “fair use” rules)

Attention! **Changing the words of an original source is *not* sufficient to prevent plagiarism.** If you have retained the essential idea of an original source, and have not cited it, then no matter how drastically you may have altered its context or presentation, *you have still plagiarized*

Most cases of plagiarism can be avoided, however, by citing sources. Simply acknowledging that certain material has been borrowed, and providing your audience with the information necessary to find that source, is usually enough to prevent plagiarism.

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**Senior English Career Research Project**

**Grading Rubric**

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|  | **Possible Points** | **Points Received / Comments** |
| **PowerPoint printed** (two slides per page) | 10 |  |
| **Formatting**  (fonts, style, aesthetics, etc.) | 20 |  |
| **Introduction/Title SLIDE 1**  (MLA formatting) | 10 |  |
| **Career description, SLIDES 2-6** (training/education requirements, earnings, outlook, career ladder) | 40 |  |
| **Historical Connections/**  **Background**  **SLIDES 7-12**  (three different historical connections – two slides per link) | 40 |  |
| **Interview – best two questions**  **SLIDES 13-14**  (one question and answer per slide) | 40 |  |
| **Works Cited – SLIDE 15 & Parenthetical Citations**  (MLA formatting required for credit) | 40 |  |

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| **Comments:** | **Grade Received:**    **/ 200** |