

Career Exploration Paper - Introduction

Mission Statement:

The purpose of this assignment is to begin an in depth analysis of a specific career that you are interested in for your own future. This portion will serve as the introduction to a semester long research paper. Take the career surveys seriously and answer honestly because you are going to be working on the career cluster you select over the next few months.

Directions:

This introduction is going to have four sections. Each section is its own paragraph. In each section, include the required information. Write in complete sentences. Be careful to write a smooth paper that doesn't just sound like you are answering the questions below. Make it flow through the sections easily.

I. Dreams - This paragraph is an introduction to you. Think back to when you were younger.

- What are some of the jobs that you have thought about having in your past?
- Describe the one job that was the most important to you growing up.
 - Describe what you thought they do
 - Describe why you were so interested in this job
- Are you still interested in this job? Is this job still a realistic option for you?

II. Career Cruising ILP: careercruising.com/ilp

- Under **My Progress** go to **My Saved Clusters**
 - Read the 16 career clusters that are offered
 - Select two or three that interest you the most
 - Why did you select those career clusters?
- Under **My Progress** go to **My Saved Careers**
 - What careers do you have saved in your ILP?
 - Do the careers that you have saved match the Clusters that you identified?
 - If not, what career cluster does the job fit in and why do you think you didn't select it before?
- Describe taking the Career Cruising survey
 - Do you think that the results truly matched your interests and provided you with realistic careers?

III. O*NET Interest Survey: mynextmove.org/explore/ip

- Analyse the results of the **Interest Profiler**
 - Which category/categories of the six did you score the highest (realistic, investigative, artistic, social, enterprising, and conventional)
 - Describe the characteristics that they suggest you have. Do you feel that these results are accurate? Why/Why not?
- Career suggestions
 - How much preparation you are willing to put into your career (**Job Zones**)
 - What are the top careers that they suggest?
 - Which ones are you the most interested in?
- Do you think that the results truly matched your interests and provided you with realistic careers?

IV. Conclusion- comparing the three sections

- Can you identify similarities and/or differences between the results of these activities?
- Which of the surveys was most helpful and insightful (Career Cruising or O*NET)?
- Moving forward, what general clusters or specific careers are you interested in exploring