

# PRE-THESIS CAREER RESEARCH PAPER

## ENGLISH 11CP

### FORMAT

MLA with a Works Cited Page

### LENGTH

Top of the 4<sup>th</sup> page, not including the Works Cited page)

### SOURCES

Your paper must include a minimum of 3 quoted sources:

- ❖ 1 Scholarly sources (*journal articles*)
- ❖ 1 Legitimate internet source (i.e. government website)
- ❖ 1 news or magazine article

# Career Research Paper

- I. Explanation of Why You Chose This Career
  - a. Describe your talents and interests
  - b. Explain your career goals
  - c. Did someone in your life help influence this decision?
  - d. Career Placement Quiz?
- II. History of the career (Optional)
  - a. How it began
  - b. How it evolved over time
- III. Explanation of Career – General
  - a. What they do
  - b. What are job titles associated with the career?
  - c. Common duties
  - d. Notable people in this profession
- IV. Explanation of Career – Specific
  - a. How many people are now employed in this career field?
  - b. What are current employment trends relating to this career?
  - c. Who are major employers in this field?
  - d. Where are jobs related to this career most often found? Why?
  - e. Hours of work ordinary required (any unusual scheduling? seasonal, nights, etc.?)
- V. Education
  - a. What are common college majors?
  - b. What are the required degrees?
  - c. Professional certifications? Continuing Education?
  - d. Which path would you take?
- VI. Skills & Advancement
  - a. Gender, age, health, considerations
  - b. Personality? Aptitude?
  - c. What are the chances for advancement in this field?
  - d. Would advancement require additional training?
- VII. Earnings
  - a. How much can you expect to make from this career? Beginning salary? Average Salary?
- VIII. Nature of the Job
  - a. What are benefits, other than salary, that you would expect to gain?
  - b. What hazards can you anticipate in this job field?
- IX. Work/Life Balance
  - a. How do you plan to maintain a healthy work/life balance?
  - b. What are challenges you will face in this area?
- X. Reflection
  - a. After studying this career in depth, state why you would or would not be interested in making this your future career.