

# Career Project

my future  
my choice



Name \_\_\_\_\_

# Career Project Requirements

## Synopsis

Congratulations! You are about to begin exploring your future. During the quarter you will have the opportunity to learn more about yourself, explore what you want to do after high school, and investigate careers and colleges. You will create a Google Slides presentation to share with the class. You are strongly encouraged to talk to your classmates, parents, siblings, and members of the community to share your ideas and ask questions.



## Requirements

1. Future Self
2. Current and Future Achievements
3. Role Models
4. Money and Lifestyle (Reality Check Activity)
5. Career Investigation
  - a. Extra Credit: Career Interview(s)
6. College Pays
7. College Investigation
8. Career Project Google Slides Presentation (see template in Google Classroom)



# Future Self

Picture yourself as being 30 years old. Write what you realistically want to achieve.

Where will you live? Describe your home.

What will you do to make money?

What will you do for fun?  
Describe your "toys" and activities.



What training do you need for your dream job?

Describe your family.  
Will you marry and have kids?

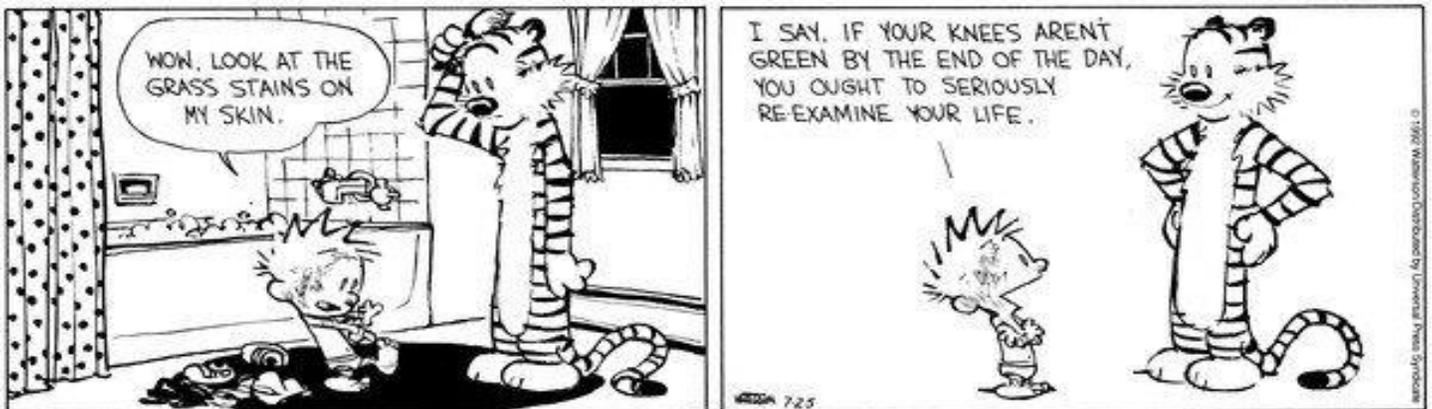
What are your other goals?

## Current and Future Achievements

1. What goals have you already accomplished and what goals are you currently working on?

- What are your academic achievements (school)?
- What are your extra-curricular achievements (sports, music, clubs, etc.)?
- What are your social achievements (family and friends)?
- What other achievements have you accomplished?

2. What are your goals between now and when you graduate from high school?



## Role Models

Who are your role models and why are they your role models? Think about specific people involved in your life, celebrities, and people working in specific career fields.

1. Name and describe two or three people who you interact with on a regular basis. How do these people help you? Why are they role models?
2. Name and describe two or three celebrities who inspire you. How do they inspire you? (athletes, movie stars, YouTubers, politicians, anyone famous)
3. Which careers are most impressive to you? Why are they impressive? You don't have to want to do the career; rather, you appreciate what these people do.



## Money and Lifestyle (Reality Check Activity)

Like it or not, everyone needs money to survive. One day, you will need to support yourself. Think about the material things you want to have by the time you are 30 years old. If you plan on having a family, you need to plan on paying for your children.



Complete the "Reality Check" activity in the AKCIS program. Write down the expenses.

Housing	\$		Entertainment	\$	
Utilities	\$		Personal Care	\$	
Communications	\$		Miscellaneous	\$	
Food	\$		Student Loans	\$	
Transportation	\$		Savings	\$	
Clothing	\$		Federal Taxes	\$	

What annual salary do you need to pay for all your expenses? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Click the "Investigate Family Expenses" box (add costs for your children) + \$ \_\_\_\_\_

How much money do you need to pay for ALL your expenses? \$

Now complete the second half of the "Reality Check" activity.

- You are welcome to select "Not Yet" to see the greatest possible career options.
- Look at the recommended careers with salaries that will help you to achieve your goals.

Write down THREE careers, from the list, that you are interested in learning about.

Career	Required Education Level	Wages

# Career Investigation

Describe your dream job. What would you do? How would you help others?



Take some time to explore several different careers using the links on the class website.

<https://www.bls.gov/k12/students/careers/career-exploration.htm>

<https://careerkids.com/pages/career-research>

<https://akcis.org/index.aspx?FileID=Occ&TitleLetter=A>

Investigate, at least, three careers in detail and complete this chart.

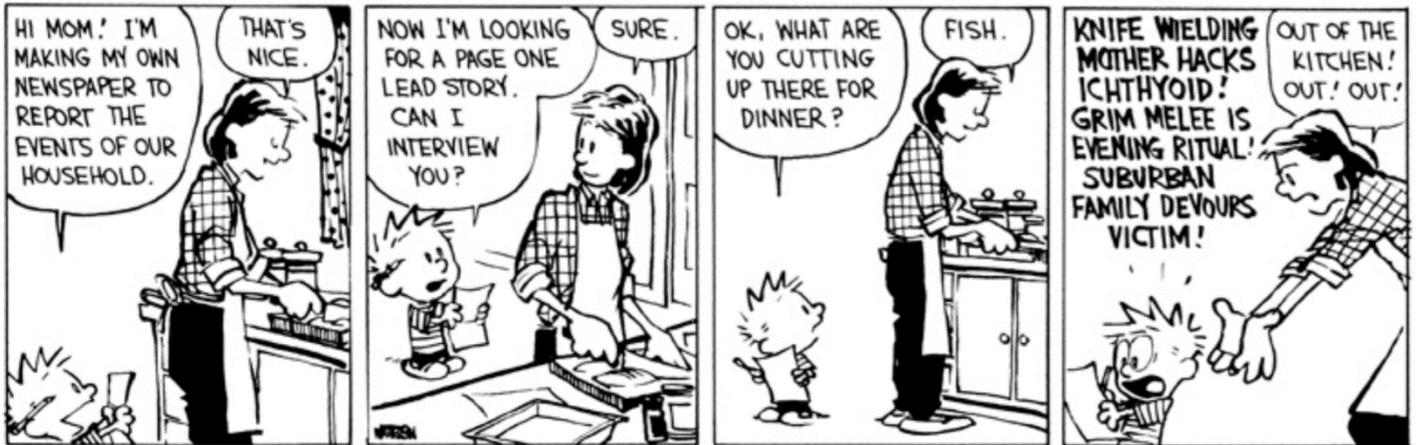
Career	Education Requirements	Annual Salary	Facts

## Extra Credit

Interview someone about his or her career. Complete the next page for extra credit.

## Extra Credit: Career Interview(s)

One of the best ways to learn about a career is to talk to someone about his or her job. With your parent's permission and supervision, you are strongly encouraged to interview one or more people. Posted below are recommended questions to ask.



### Recommended Questions

1. Why did you choose your current career?
2. What training did you complete for your career?
3. What skills and/or personality traits are important for your career?
4. What do you like the best about your career?
5. What are some of the greatest challenges you regularly encounter?
6. Please describe a typical day at work.
7. What does the future look like for someone interested in your career?
8. What recommendations do you have for someone that is interested in your career?
9. What else should I know about your career?
10. If you weren't doing your job what other careers would interest you?

Be sure to thank the person for meeting with you.

Write down a half-page summary about what you learned. Attach it to this packet.

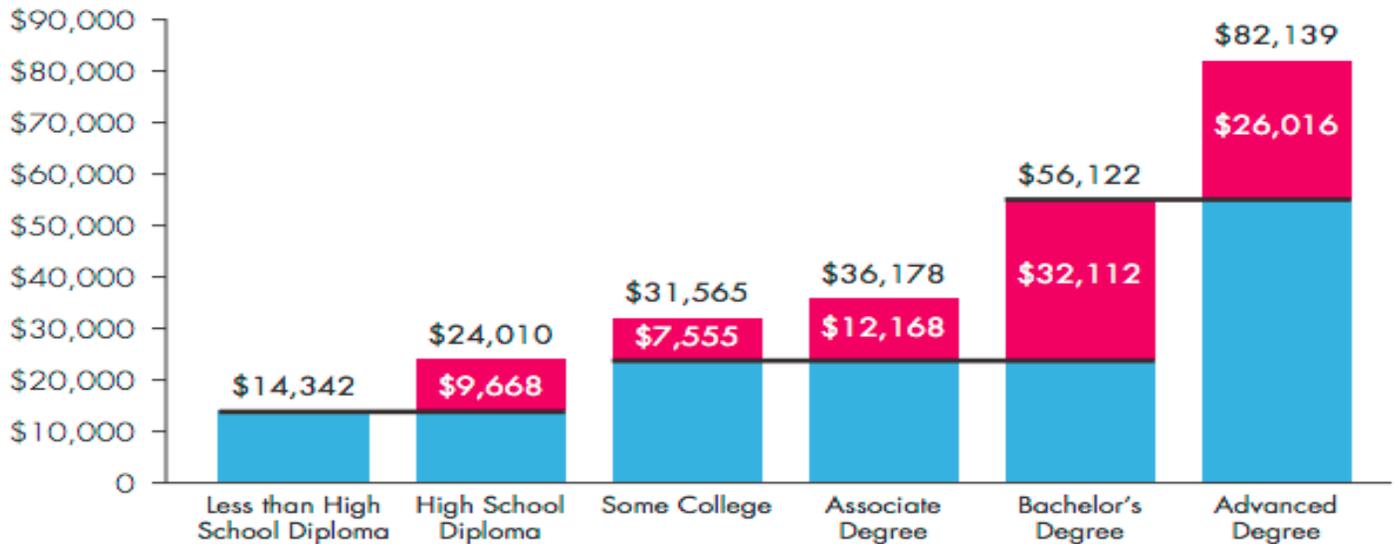
# College Pays

Think about how much money you need to afford your goals.  
How much, if any, college do you need to earn your desired salary?

I want to earn \$ \_\_\_\_\_ money a year.

To reach my desired salary I need to earn, at least, this education: \_\_\_\_\_

## Average Annual Earnings



Source: Author's calculations using the 2012 American Community Survey Public Use Microdata Sample, ages 27-66 and not enrolled in college, N = 1,546,287.

1. Why do you think many careers require a college degree?

2. How will attending college help you achieve your goals?



# College Investigation

Watch the PowerPoint presentation on "Why Go to College."



Do you want to live on campus? Why or why not?

What sports and/or extracurricular activities are you interested in joining?

What are you most looking forward to doing at college?

What colleges are you interested in learning more about?

College	Location	College Website

Visit each college's website and spend, at least 15 minutes, learning about the college. Explore the "Virtual Tour" option, if it's available. Write down interesting facts you learned.

# Career Project Presentation

Posted below are the minimum requirements for the presentation. You are encouraged, but not required, to use the Google Slides template (in Google Classroom) to create your presentation.



## Slide Requirements

Use bold font size 48 for titles and non-bold size 20 for regular text.

Use an easy to read font. Please ensure that each slide is legible from a distance.

Include at least one picture on each slide. Do NOT use the same picture on multiple slides.

### 1. Title Page

- Write which career you chose.
- Include a picture of person doing the job that you selected.
- Write a short description of the career (be specific).
- Write "By [Your first name]."

(Do not include your last name since it will be published online.)

### 2. Career Summary

- Write your career.
- Include a picture related to your career.
- What are the educational requirements for your career?
- What skills are important for your career?
- What is the average annual salary, or salary range?

### 3. Work Environment

- Where do most people work for this career, the physical location(s)?
- Include a picture of the work environment.
- List 3 to 5 typical daily activities of your career.
- Briefly list the types of people you would work with (i.e. their professions).

#### 4. Interview

- a. Either interview someone in your selected career field or find a taped interview.
- b. Write the person's name, title, and relevant information.
- c. Include a picture of the person you interviewed, if possible.
- d. Write 3 to 5 things you learned from the interview.
- e. Be sure to thank the person for the interview, as a note at the bottom of your slide.

#### 5. Your Goals

- a. Write your career goal... "I will become a \_\_\_\_\_"
- b. Include a picture of yourself on this slide.
- c. Write 3 to 5 specific goals you will accomplish to prepare for your career between now and when you graduate from high school (e.g. classes, skills, extra-curriculars).
- d. Which college do you want to attend?
  - i. How will this college prepare you for your career?
  - ii. If you won't attend college, what training will you receive for your career?

#### 6. Conclusion

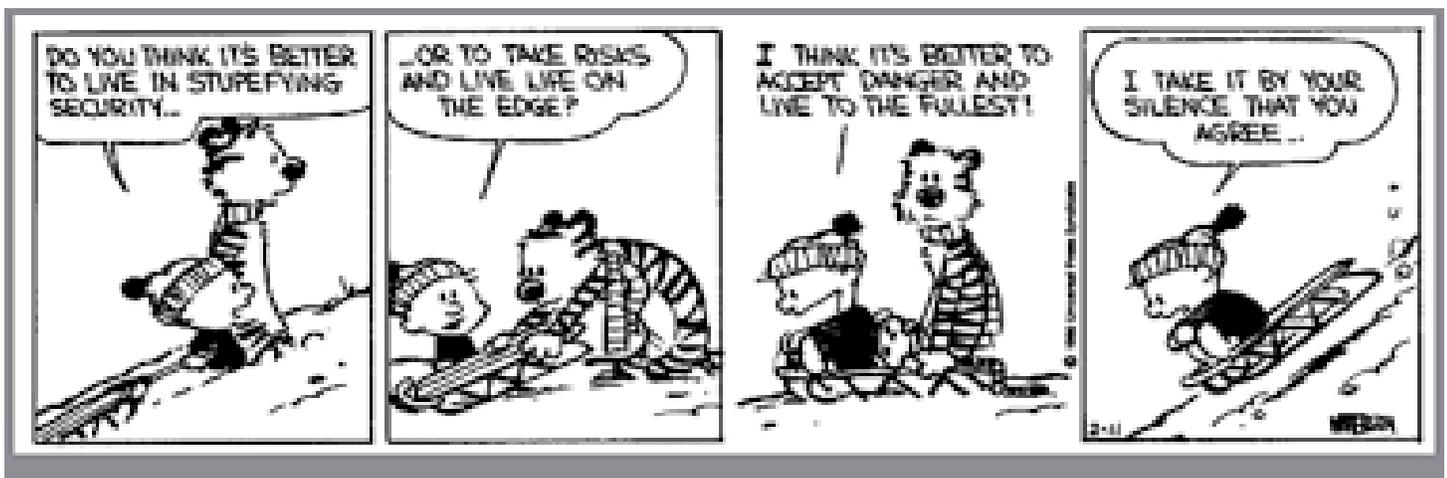
- a. Share noteworthy accomplishments of people in your career field.
- b. Include a picture of an extraordinary achievement in your career field.
- c. Write "Thank you for Listening" and "Questions?" (on a separate line)
  - i. Be prepared to answer questions about your subject and the biography.

#### Presentation

You will share your presentation with the class. Do NOT simply read each slide. You must speak in a loud and clear voice. Please periodically make eye contact with your audience (not just your teacher). Please answer every question.

#### Due Date

The project is due on Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. You may earn 10% extra credit if you are finished and ready to present a week early, on Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.



## Career Project Self Reflection

1. How much money do you want to make each year to support your preferred lifestyle?
2. How are you already preparing for your future?
3. What goals do you want to accomplish between now and high school graduation?
4. Which two or three careers are most appealing to you? Why?
5. Which two or three colleges are most appealing to you? Why?
6. What are two to three of the most important things you learned about your future?



# Career Project Grading Rubric

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle the score that you deserve for each assignment.

	Outstanding	Excellent	Average	Below Average	Poor
Future Self	5	4	3	2	1
Current and Future Achievements	5	4	3	2	1
Role Models	5	4	3	2	1
Money and Lifestyle	5	4	3	2	1
Career Investigation	5	4	3	2	1
College Pays	5	4	3	2	1
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Presentation: Title Page	5	4	3	2	1
Presentation: Career Summary	5	4	3	2	1
Presentation: Work Environment	5	4	3	2	1
Presentation: Interview	5	4	3	2	1
Presentation: Your Goals	5	4	3	2	1
Presentation: Conclusion	5	4	3	2	1
Presentation: Speaking Skills	5	4	3	2	1
Self-Reflection	5	4	3	2	1

How many points did you earn? \_\_\_\_\_ (75 possible)

Overall effort, based on ability (teacher decision) \_\_\_\_\_ (25 points)

Did you complete the Extra Credit: Career Interview(s)? \_\_\_\_\_ (+5 points)

Did you submit your project early (April 29<sup>th</sup>)? \_\_\_\_\_ (+10 points)

Late penalty (-10% per day late, after May 4<sup>th</sup>) \_\_\_\_\_

**Final Grade**  (100 points)