



Where do you want to be Next Year?



Activity Guide

Standards of Learning
Grade Twelve English
Oral Language: 12.1, 12.2

Reading /Literature:
12.4, 12.6

Writing: 12.7

Research: 12.8

Activity Expansion

Each month have students share what they have done to reach toward their educational and career goals.

Have students keep a progress journal to note their activities and research that are related to their educational and career goals.

Discussion/Activities:

-Group students with similar goals and interests.

-Have students set up timelines and small goals to reach each month.

-Give students at least one opportunity per week to meet in the small groups and discuss their progress.

-Have students peer counsel each other by taking different students's interests and researching careers that may appeal to the student on www.vaview.vt.edu.

-Have students take the "Who are you?" assessment at www.vaview.vt.edu.

Field Trips

-Virginia Employment Commission

-College or University

Guest Speaker Ideas

-College Graduates

-Business Owners

-Entrepreneurs

-High School Graduates

-Career Counselors

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Activity Expansion

1. Students research different educational options at www.vaview.vt.edu and click on college.
2. Students create a report based on their career choices from the career search and their educational requirements needed for the career.



Discussion/Activities:

-Students conduct web research comparing educational options with career choices.

-Students present findings in a graph format and give group presentations for the different types of educational options, typical career areas and occupations within the educational areas, and national average salary ranges.

Answers: 1, 2, 7, 5, 3, 4, 6, 8

Field Trips

-Any of the places listed in the activity even at your own school!

Guest Speaker Ideas

-Teachers, counselors, professors, recruiters, etc. from different career and educational training facilities listed in this activity.

CAREER PLANNING

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Activity Expansion

-Invite a human resources representative from a large local company to visit to discuss benefits, insurance, etc.

-Have students create a budget based on the career that they have chosen as well as rent, food, etc.

Discussion/Activities:

-Assign students to research various jobs in the classified ads discussing description, salary, benefits, etc.

-Next, have students evaluate if this occupation would meet their financial goals, educational goals, and career goals.

-Have students create a budget based on their plan for the future. Include financial aid research (if applicable), rent, food, insurance, and transportation costs. Ask students to explain what they will do to reach their goals, and if they will be prepared educationally and financially.

Field Trips

- College Campus
- Community College
- Local Employers
- Local Factories
- Grocery Store

Guest Speaker Ideas

- Car Salesperson
- Real Estate Agent
- Financial Aid Counselor
- Career Planning Counselor
- Academic Advisor
- Apprenticeship Representatives

The Application Situation:

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Answers:

1. B
2. A
3. A
4. C
5. D
6. A
7. C
8. B



Discussion/Activities:

- Have students fill out real job applications as practice.
- Discuss terms on job applications.
- Have students create a resume.
- Discuss and practice interview skills.
- Have students interview each other.
- Have students create jobs to accept applications and interview for.
- Break up students into small groups with similar goals, interests, and career interests.

Field Trips

- Virginia Employment Commission
- College or University Placement Services

Guest Speaker Ideas

- Interviewers
- Employers
- Career Counselors
- VEC Counselors
- Career Training Educators