

Life After High School: College and Careers

Many of you are just a little more than a year away from graduating from high school. Those of you who are seniors are already making decisions about what your next step will be. Will you work or attend college, or perhaps both? The purpose of this paper is to help you explore your options for college and careers after you graduate from high school.

You will use the next several weeks to research and write about the following questions:

1. What interests do I have that might guide me in choosing a career?
2. Given my interests and career options, what might be the a good job or career after high school?
3. What are the benefits of two-year colleges and what are the requirements and costs of attending a community college?
4. How are the requirements and costs of the four-year colleges different from those of two-year colleges?
5. What are the different ways to pay for college or vocational programs?
6. How much does it cost to live after high school, depending upon whether I live at home or on my own?

Research:

Your information will be gathered from a variety of sources including: the website: California Colleges (<http://CaliforniaColleges.edu>), the California Career Zone ((<http://www.cacareerzone.org>) the Logan Career Center, and other college and job related materials.

Writing:

Your paper will be at least eight paragraphs, including an introduction, six body paragraphs, and a conclusion. Each body paragraph will be specifically designed to answer each of the above questions. Your paper will also include a works cited page, with the list of resources you used in your paper. I've provided a writing template to help you write and organize your paper.

Grading:

50 points will be given for the note taking sheets, filled out for each body paragraph. 50 points will be given for the final paper. It will be graded based on how well you wrote, including your grammar, spelling and punctuation.

100 points possible

The grade will be part of your second semester research grade.

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1. Set up an account with California Colleges website at: <http://CaliforniaColleges.edu>
You can use your school email address and password, but you don't have to give them your home address.
2. Set up an account with the California Career Zone website at:
<http://www.cacareerzone.org/>
You can use your school email address and password, but you don't have to give them your home address.
3. Search your Google Drive for the *LAHS Writing Template*
4. Rename this document with your period. last name. LAHS (e.g. 6.Ramirez.LAHS)
5. On your file, put your name, date, and period.
6. Share document with me
7. After you have gathered information, type your body paragraphs into your document.
8. Write your introduction and conclusion after you have completed your body paragraphs.
9. Add a Works Cited page which includes all the sources you used for your paper.
10. Be sure to edit your paper for grammar, spelling and punctuation errors. Double space your research paper, using the correct research paper format.