Careers Exploration Project

STEP ONE: We are going to be exploring careers. First, we will begin to determine your personal monthly cost of living. Cost of living items include such things as renting or buying a house, the style of car you wish to drive, electric/gas, phone, and grocery bills.

STEP TWO: Second, you will choose a career and investigate the following topics: salaries, high school courses, levels of math required, level of education/training needed, nature of the work, and job outlook. Try to choose a career that interests you. You will develop up a pikto chart on piktochart.com for you to organize and display your research.

STEP THREE: Third, you will determine if your job will be able to provide for your own future cost of living. You will do an individual reflection on what you have learned.

STEP FOUR: The final portion of the project will be the career pikto chart of your chosen career. The following items need to be covered within the pikto chart.

1. Job Choice
2. Salary Range
3. High School /Educational Requirements
4. Levels of specified classes required. Ex. Math, Biology, English
5. Nature of the Work
   1. What people do in the Career.
   2. Work Environment
   3. Positives and Negatives of the Job
6. Training Required
7. Job Outlook
8. Related Occupations
9. Average Monthly Salary
10. Other relevant Information

Cost of Living Worksheet

1. Where do you want to live? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   1. What is the average cost of living in this area? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. What type of home will you live in? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   1. What will be your monthly payment?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Rent | | Homeowner | |
| Type | Monthly Payment | Type | Monthly Payment |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1 Bedroom-  Apartment | $660 | 2 Bedroom/  1Bath | $650 |
| 2 Bedroom-  Apartment | $790 | 3 Bedroom/  1 Bath | $875 |
| 3 Bedroom-  Apartment | $1118 | 3 Bedroom/  2 Bath | $1200 |
| 2 Bedroom House | $1250 | 4 Bedroom/  2 Bath | $1350 |
| 3 Bedroom House | $1300 |  |  |

1. What type of car will you drive? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   1. What will you monthly payment be? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Average Monthly Car Payment

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Used Car: | | New Car: | |
| Type | Payment | Type | Payment |
| Sedan | $250 |  | $430 |
| Sport | $315 |  | $575 |
| SUV/Truck | $425 |  | $610 |

1. Every car owner must have car insurance to be able to get license plates to drive the vehicle. Determine how much your monthly insurance cost will be according to the style of car you chose in number 3. Unfortunately boys, your insurance rates run higher than girls. Insurance is billed every six months. You must determine the cost per month.
   1. Average monthly car insurance payment:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Female | | Male | |
| Type | Mo. Payment | Type | Mo. Payment |
| New | $1380 per 6 mo | New | $1572 per 6 mo |
| Used | $1075 per 6 mo | Used | $1340 per 6 mo |
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1. You need to determine how you will keep your house up and running. Determine if you will have gas and electric or just electricity.
   1. Cost of Electricity: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   2. Cost of Gas: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ( It is OK if you don’t have a gas bill )

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| Electric Bill | Monthly Payment |
| Electric and Gas | $175 |
| Electric Only | $235 |
| Gas Only | $107 |
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1. The following are bills that MUST be paid monthly.

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| Type | Average Monthly Payment |
| Water/Sewage/Trash | $105 |
| Groceries | $450 |
| Phone/Cell | $117 |
| Gas for Traveling | $258 |

1. STOP!!!! You will need to research your career choice BEFORE you select this bill. If you went to technical college or university, you will more than likely have a student loan. If your career requires additional schooling, the following chart will give you an average monthly payment according to the level of education.

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| --- | --- |
| Education Loan | Average Monthly Payment |
| Vocational Training | $108 per month for 15 yrs. |
| Bachelor’s | $554 per month for 20 yrs. |
| Master’s or higher | $729 per month for 20 yrs |

* 1. Type of loan needed for career \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
  2. Amount of monthly payment for loan. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Monthly Budget

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| --- | --- |
| Type of Payment | Amount |
| House/Rent Payment |  |
| Car |  |
| Car Insurance |  |
| Electric/Gas |  |
| Water |  |
| Groceries |  |
| Phone |  |
| Gas for Vehicle |  |
| Education Loan |  |
|  |  |
| Total Cost |  |
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1. My monthly cost of living is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. According to my career choice, my monthly net salary is

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Gathering of Information

1. Job Choice: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. What the recommended high school courses that will help you prepare for this program of study?
3. What type of degree does this job require?
   1. What college are you choosing for this career?
   2. What are the admissions requirements for this university?
   3. What are the credit requirements and GPA needed to be admitted into this university?
4. Salary Range: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. Describe the nature of the work for this career.
   1. What are the tasks preformed daily in this job?
   2. What are characteristics of the work environment?
   3. Name 5 positive things and 5 negative things about the career choice.
6. Describe the education and training required for this career.
   1. List all diplomas, degrees, certificates you need for this career.
   2. If nothing extra is needed, how would you get additional training while working in this career?
7. What is the Career outlook for this job? Fill out the following information for this section.
   1. How is the job projected to grow?
   2. # of jobs in 2015
   3. # of projected jobs in 2015 – 2025
   4. Is this an increase or a decrease in jobs?
   5. What is the lowest 10% of earnings?

f. What is the highest 10 % of earnings?

1. What is the median earnings?
2. Are the earnings hourly or a yearly salary?
3. What are some related occupations?
4. If you salary is a yearly salary, take your median salary, divide by 12. Round the amount to the nearest dollar.

$\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Divide by 12 = $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

( monthly gross salary)

OR $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ x 8 hours/day x 20 days/month =

$\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(monthly gross salary)

1. Take the monthly gross salary and multiply by 65%. Round the amount to the nearest dollar. This is your monthly take home salary ( monthly net salary after taxes).

$\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ x 0.65 = $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_( monthly net income)

My Career Choice Reflection

On this page you will be reflecting on your career choice after all of the research.

1. Did your career choice provide you with enough money for your monthly cost of living?
2. What would you change to meet your monthly cost of living?

3. On the next few lines, write at least a 5-7-sentence paragraph reflection on the career you choice. Would you still choose this job or would you choose a different career. Explain your reasoning for your decision.