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Career Skills: College and Career Readiness

Assignment Name: Career Interests

Career Interests

You may not be looking for a job right now, but someday you will be. Your career interests will affect your educational decisions. If you want to be happy (and who doesn't?), find an occupation that interests you.

Listed below are 13 interest areas. Follow these instructions:

- Read each description.
- Check any that interest you.
- Select the three interest areas you find most interesting.
- Put “1” next to the area that interests you most, “2” by the next most interesting, and “3” by your third choice.

My Career Interests	
X--4	Arts, Entertainment, and Media. I am interested in expressing my feelings and ideas creatively. I am interested in communicating news and information. I am interested in performing.
	Science, Math, and Engineering. I am interested in researching and analyzing scientific, mathematical, engineering, and technological information. I am interested in applying what I know to problems in the real world, the environment, world societies, medicine, and the life and natural sciences. I am interested in working with and manipulating data. I am interested in using technology and computers.
	Plants and Animals. I am interested in working with plants and animals, usually outdoors.
	Law, Law Enforcement, and Public Safety. I am interested in protecting people. I am interested in protecting people’s rights and property. I am interested in using authority and in inspecting or monitoring.
	Mechanics, Installers, and Repairers. I am interested in mechanical, electrical, or electronic principles. I am interested in using machines or hand tools.

	Construction, Mining, and Drilling. I am interested in buildings and other structures. I am interested in using mechanical devices to drill or excavate.
	Transportation. I am interested in repetitive, concrete, organized activities. I am interested in working in a factory.
X--3	Business Detail. I am interested in organized, clearly defined activities. I am interested in being accurate. I am interested in details. I am interested in working in an office.
X--1	Sales and Marketing. I am interested in persuading people to purchase something. I am interested in selling and promoting a product or service.
X--2	Recreation, Travel, and Other Services. I am interested in meeting the personal needs of other people. I am interested in providing travelers with cleanliness, good food and drinks, recreation, and a comfortable place to stay.
	Education and Social Service. I am interested in teaching people. I am interested in helping people improve their social or spiritual well-being.
	General Management and Support. I am interested in making an organization run smoothly.
	Medical and Health Services. I am interested in helping people be healthy.

After you think about these job interest areas, start thinking about specific jobs and complete the following worksheet.

Jobs That Interest Me	
Jobs I could get with the skills and knowledge I have now	Jobs that interest me but that would require additional training, education or experience.
1. Retail	1. Marketing Executive
2. Fast food	2. Real Estate Broker
3. General computers	3. Resort Manager
4. Graphic Design	4. Graphic Designer

100/100

Feedback: James, I think you can a lot more right now than you know. I know you do a lot of contracting work with your family, but I love that you are looking to broaden your horizons and move into a new field!

I think your answers on the next page are really good. I can definitely see income, demand, and flexibility as driving forces to becoming a welder.

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Introduction to Business Technology

Career Skills

Haskins—3rd Period

Through researching all about the history of welding, and how welding started off in the ancient times, made me appreciate my form of welding much more. When I read that the blacksmiths had to go through all that work to just get the steel purified, it gave me a lot more appreciation for their work. However, I like being able to just pull the trigger of a welder and form my own type of steel-work. Now, all you have to do is wire-brush steel slates or pieces to make it clean (or purified) and then begin setting up the pieces to weld. Also, welders now have helmets, gloves, jackets, all sorts of protective gear. In Ancient times and in the 1800's, welding gear didn't really exist other than maybe eye-glasses and cloth/leather gloves. This would mean if you made one mistake, you could be seriously burned or injured. As I'm doing my welding project, the thoughts of how much time it took and the risk took by "old-style" welders will always be in the back of my mind, to be patience. Although welding can be quick to learn, it takes time and patience to get the right technique and form down. So before I get frustrated with the table I'm building, I'll be sure to remember I have it a lot easier than the blacksmiths of the 1800's and ancient times.

I asked people at random to ask questions about welding, so I could give them advice about welding. As the questions were asked, I had to review some of my older genres and also did some research on my own, along with personal knowledge. To answer the questions you asked as part of this assignment, these are the 3 biggest reasons I want to be a welder:

Income – There is a serious lack of qualified welders at the moment and that results in some big paychecks. Especially if you decide to go for welding certification or commercial licenses. With those credentials you can work on sites like offshore oil rigs and while that may increase the danger, it also substantially increases the payoff.

Demand – Since there are not enough quality welders it is easy to learn the trade. With very little investment of time or money you will receive a valuable skill. Plus, with there being more jobs than welders you will find it surprisingly easy to get hired on. Definitely something to be considering in today's economy.

Flexibility – If you are not the type to stay in one place and prefer to do a little traveling then welding is perfect for you. It enables you to pick up and go wherever the demand is and see a little of the world as you go. However, it is not only a good fit for the foot loose and fancy free. People with stable home lives that prefer not to move around can usually find all the work they need in their local area. Anywhere there are manufacturing factories, will have a consistent need for qualified welders.