

College Exploration – Writing Prompts for Students Gathering Online Information About Career Pathways

Activity 1a: *(Note to facilitator: This activity engages students in researching and gathering relevant data about a career interest from multiple online sources. A connected writing activity follows in Activity 3b.)*

- **CCSS.ELA-Literacy.CCRA.W.8** Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, assess the credibility and accuracy of each source, and integrate the information while avoiding plagiarism.
- **CCSS.ELA-Literacy.CCRA.W.9** Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

Directions:

Using one of your “saved careers” in Plan to Succeed, conduct additional online research to gather additional information about the career you chose, including what you may need to study or exams you may need to take to pursue the career. (For example, you’d need to take a physical exam (among other tests) to join the police department, or attend law school to become a lawyer.) Record the relevant information in the space below. Be as detailed as possible!

Career _____

Relevant Information:

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Directions:

Using the relevant information you gathered in the previous activity, write a short narrative essay describing how you will accomplish these tasks you identified in order to obtain the career you selected. Again, be specific. If you need to save money before attending law school, explain how you will do that. If you need to get in better shape before becoming a fireman, describe the things that you'll do to get there.