

Pictorial Essay Assignment - Career Research

Due dates:

Research and notes complete: _____
Outline: _____
First draft: _____
Conference by: _____
Final draft: _____

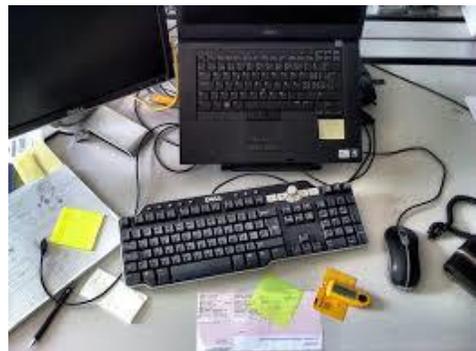
We will be creating pictorial essays related to your fields of study. A pictorial essay is an essay interspersed with pictures, so that the story is told in both words and images.

In order to do this, I am going to ask that you consult a number of resources and complete some research into the field you think you would like to work in after graduation. Then I would like you to tell a realistic story of either an imagined person who works in this field or your own story (future parts of which will need to be imagined).

Step 1: Research

The resources I would recommend you consult are:

- The US Dept. of Labor Occupational Outlook Handbook (<http://www.bls.gov/oooh/>)
- VT-specific data from the Dept. of Labor (http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_vt.htm)
- Choices Explorer Essays (<https://access.bridges.com/cx/careers/DisplayBrowse.do>) or (<https://access.bridges.com/choices/work/Browse.do>)
- VSAC Start Where You Are (<http://www.startwhereyouarevt.org/go/explore-jobs/>)
- Any resource linked to the VSAC website (<http://services.vsac.org/wps/wcm/connect/vsac/Vsac>) or (<http://services.vsac.org/wps/wcm/connect/Vsac/vsac/explore+careers>)



You may also wish to look at the websites for associations related to specific careers.

! The questions I would like you to answer are:

1. What are the main duties and responsibilities of a person with this career?
2. What level of education is required to obtain a job in this field?
3. What are some colleges and universities offering programs of study related to this career? What are their admission requirements?
4. What are typical workplace conditions and physical demands of this job?
5. According to the OOH, what are some important qualities for people with this job?

6. According to the available statistics, how likely are you to find a job in this area in the state where you wish to reside?
7. What is the average (mean) salary for people with this job? Based on the life you envision for yourself, do you think this would be enough for you to live on?

Write the answers to these questions on note cards and be sure to record the information you will need in order to cite your sources in your Works Cited. We will discuss how to label and organize your note cards in class.



Step 2: Begin to create the narrative

Take the information you have and begin to weave it together into a narrative that explains the requirements and conditions of this career.

Step 3: Find/Create the images to tell the story of this career

What might work in this career look like? There are digital cameras in almost every program at PHCC. Take pictures of your classmates (with their permission) and ask your classmates and instructor to take pictures of you at work. Use images to illustrate the work of a forester, chef, etc. For instance, the Humboldt State University Photo Tour: "Doing Canopy Science" (<http://humboldt.edu/redwoods/photos/canopy.php>) could be seen as a pictorial essay of Steve Sillett's work. Let this be your guide, but remember, unless you take the photos, they must be cited. (<http://search.creativecommons.org/> is a good place to find photos licensed for re-use.)

Step 4: Combine the narrative with the images

Put it all together into one document. The organization is up to you. You could design your pictorial essay with images over relevant text, paragraphs interspersed with pictures, or text and then relevant images. It's whatever works to tell the story of the individual with this career. And we will talk about the process while you're working, so you can check-in with me whenever you feel the need.