

CROSSROADS 9

Activity Guide

Standards of Learning

Grade Nine English

Reading Analysis:
9.3, 9.4

Writing: 9.6, 9.7

Research: 9.8, 9.9

Activity Expansion

1. Go to www.vaview.vt.edu and check out the links for High School students located at :
“Head of the Class.”
2. Go to www.vaview.vt.edu to research the careers by taking the “Who Are You” Interest Inventory. Next create a time line to reach a career goal.



Discussion/Activities:

- Have students create a realistic time line to reach the goals they listed for the year.
- Have students monitor their progress by keeping a goals journal to document evidence and steps towards their goals throughout the year.
- Offer incentives to students who demonstrate reaching their goals.
- Have students create a weekly report in which students rate themselves on their grades, organizational skills, and time management skills.

Field Trips

- Virginia Employment Commission
- College or University

Guest Speaker Ideas

- College Graduates
- Business Owners
- Entrepreneurs
- High School Graduates
- Career Counselors

BUDGET BUSTERS

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Additional Activities:

- Visit a car dealership
- Visit an insurance agency
- Visit new homes
- Visit a real estate company
- Visit an apartment complex



Discussion/Activities:

- Discuss each of the questions at the bottom of the activity.
- Have students write an essay discussing budgets and financial needs vs. wants.
- Have students do an Internet search about creating and sticking to budgets.
- Have students create a budgeting poster.
- Have students create and keep a budget.

Guest Speaker Ideas

- VEC Representatives
- Financial Aid Counselors
- Creditors
- Loan Officers
- Bankers
- Stock Brokers
- Benefits Representatives

SEEK AND FIND

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Grade Nine English
Oral Language: 9.2

Reading Analysis:
9.3, 9.4

Writing: 9.6, 9.7

Research: 9.8
Computer Technology Standards by the end of grade 12:
C/T 12.1, C/T 12.2, C/T 12.3, C/T 12.4

Answers:

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| 1. G | 9. M |
| 2. H | 10. I |
| 3. B | 11. J |
| 4. O | 12. K |
| 5. N | 13. L |
| 6. C | 14. A |
| 7. E | 15. F |
| 8. D | |

Discussion/Activities:

- Assign students to investigate different benefits packages offered by local employers through interviewing employees, supervisors, or using Internet research.

- Have students compare their results and select the optimal benefits packages comparing them to salary and work hours, etc.

- Have students create a profile of what types of benefits, work hours, distance, etc. would be best for them in a summer job and/or full time job.

Field Trips

- Local Businesses and Corporations
- Local VA Employment Commission or Workforce Development

Guest Speaker Ideas

- VEC Representatives
- Career Counselors
- College Advisors

MY FIRST RESUME:

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Reading Analysis:
9.3, 9.4

Writing: 9.6, 9.7

**Research: 9.8
Computer Technology Stan-
dards by the end of grade 12:**
C/T 12.1, C/T 12.2, C/T 12.3, C/T
12.4

Additional Activities

- Have students critique each other's resumes.
- Have students create a portfolio to keep important projects, records of activities, clubs, etc.
- Have students write an essay about why they should be hired for a job.
- Have students self assess their skills, talents, and accomplishments by going to www.vaview.vt.edu and completing "Who Are You" as well as additional on-line activities in the Activity Center.

Discussion/Activities:

- Have students fill out real job applications as practice.
- Discuss terms on job applications.
- Have students create a resume on the computer.
- Discuss and practice interview skills.
- Have students interview each other.
- Have students create jobs, accept applications, and interview other students.
- Have a professionals day in which students dress in business attire.

Field Trips

- Virginia Employment Commission
- College or University Placement Services

Guest Speaker Ideas

- College Graduates
- Business Owners
- Entrepreneurs
- High School Graduates
- Career Counselors
- University Placement Reps.