

### Essay 3

#### Main Goals

- Consider the reliability of sources used in essays
- Create a synthesis of information from several different sources to develop own ideas
- Integrate ideas and information from sources effectively in own essays using paraphrase, summary and direct quotation
- Use the conventions of the MLA documentation system consistently and accurately to cite and document sources used in writing

#### Context

As our English 100 course is a gateway to your future in college and career, this career research essay will help solidify your understanding and knowledge of both the college research paper and a potential career.

#### Directions

**Choose a specific career** that interests you. For the purpose of this assignment, research a specific job rather than a general area. For example, researching “8th Grade Science Teacher” or “Criminal Defense Attorney” will probably produce better results than simply “teacher” or “lawyer.” **Using your research, develop a thesis-driven essay in response to the following question: why should someone pursue this career?**

In doing so, consider what people interested in this career should value in a job and in their life, and appeal to this audience by discussing how this career fulfills these values. You may consider including some of the following in your essay:

- Process of acquiring training, education and coursework, certificates, etc.
- Entry level job and projected progression to career objective
- Compensation (monetary as well as other forms or perks) at different stages in the career
- Detailed exploration on the demands/duties/environment of the job
- Significant changes in the field, current trends, and future outlooks

#### Requirements

- At least 1,250 words (typed in MLA format)
- Separate Works Cited page in MLA with 2-4 reliable sources. IMPORTANT:
  - **One or more of these sources must be found through the [Fullerton College library databases](#)**
  - For your other sources, you may use [The Occupational Handbook from the Bureau of Labor Statistics](#) and/or conduct a personal interview with a professional in the same career field

\*Any source found elsewhere must be preapproved by me to be used in your essay. Visit my virtual office hours and/or schedule an appointment to review a potential source

