

Lifestyle and Career Assignment Ideas

The following are ideas that could be used for:

- A project to wrap-up this module (this could be assigned and developed from the start of the module or at the end of instruction). If this were assigned at the start of the module, students could check in with their teacher after each step to receive formative feedback.
- A midterm or final project once learning has occurred with other relevant modules

Copy this document and use the steps to create a handout!

Supplement each of the following steps with an activity listed above, or others in the Resources folder:

- Ask individual students to choose an occupation that they hope to have in the future.
- Research training costs (ex. post-secondary) and estimated salary
- Identify annual salary (minus deductions such as taxes). This could be turned into a monthly budget at this point.
- Justify this career choice by describing what matters most in this decision.
- Identify goals for their future lifestyle (transportation, housing, vacations, clothing, etc.). The class could create the list of items that should be considered.
- Identify and calculate expenses that will accompany lifestyle goals.
- Have students research, identify, and justify at least one additional income opportunity that would supplement their lifestyle goals.
- Ask students to consider how secure their occupation would be. How would losing their job impact their lifestyle and what would they do to compensate for lost income for 1 month, 6 months, and 12 months?
- Evaluate and adjust plans throughout based on the pros and cons of each major choice that the students are identifying.
- At the end of each lesson, ask the students to complete a detailed reflection on what they have learned about how specific career paths can control their lifestyle goals.
- Assess learning based on an informal presentation and/or detailed reflection.