WHAT SHOULD I INCLUDE IN MY CAREER RESEARCH PAPER?

Try to find answers to as many of the following questions as possible. The more information you find during the research process, the easier it will be to write your paper!

EDUCATION & TRAINING
- What is the minimum education required for this job? Maximum?
- How many years of study are involved? At what cost?
- Where would you obtain this education (i.e. on-the-job training, junior/community college, technical school, college, or university)?
- What are the entrance requirements for these training schools? How many years? Post-graduate study needed?
- What special skills, talents, or personality traits are necessary for this occupation?
- Where could you gain experience?
- In what ways are you suited for this career?
- What personality characteristics or skills do you currently possess that you believe will benefit you in this career?
- What “real life” experiences have you had that have prepared you?

DUTIES
- Describe a typical day for a person in this job.
- What are the best parts of the day?
- What would be the most challenging part(s)?

EARNINGS
- What is the standard beginning wage for this job? In this area? Elsewhere?
- What is the maximum salary you can expect? Here? Elsewhere?
- What factors affect the salary range?
- What expenses are involved in setting yourself up in this profession?
- How can these start-up costs be financed, underwritten, or deferred?

EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK
- What is the prospect for employment in this occupation, i.e. employment or future outlook?
- What factors influence the availability of jobs in this field?
- What is the growth potential for this job?

WORKING CONDITIONS
- What are the usual hours?
- What health benefits are available to employees?
- What health and safety issues are involved in this occupation?
- What other benefits might this occupation include, i.e. vacation time, retirement plan, other perks?