

CROSS ROADS



Activity Guide

Standards of Learning

Grade Twelve English

Oral Language: 12.1, 12.2

Reading /Literature:

12.4, 12.6

Writing: 12.7,

Research: 12.8

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

Additional Activities:

- Have students create an academic plan to improve their grades or a career / educational plan to organize what they will be doing after high school.
- Have students create a monthly list of goals for the remainder of the year to improve grades or create career and educational goals.

Discussion/Activities:

- Have students identify which type of occupational descriptions fit their personality.
- Next have students complete the "Who are you?" assessment at www.vaview.vt.edu.
- Students print out the results and select at least 3 careers to research in their strongest areas.
- Students present the reports in a written or oral form.

Field Trips

- Virginia Employment Commission
- College or University

Guest Speaker Ideas

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

INFORMATIONAL INTERVIEWS

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Additional Activities:

- Conduct mock interviews at school with peers.

- Have a professional dress day.

- Invite local business owners for a professional breakfast to meet students.



Discussion/Activities:

- Discuss each of the tasks in the activity.

- Have students do an Internet search about informational interviews.

- Have students conduct at least 3 different informational interviews with members of the school faculty, staff, and members of the community.

- Have students create and keep a journal, detailing their informational interviews.

Guest Speaker Ideas

- Counselors
- College Counselors
- College Professors
- Business Owners
- Employment Representatives
- Representatives from at least a majority of the career families at www.vaview.vt.edu



Goals and Planning Update: Where do you want to be Next Year? Activity Guide



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Field Trips

- Various places of employment representing a variety of occupations from each career family.
- Local colleges and universities
- Local business schools and training facilities
- Apprenticeship programs

Discussion/Activities:

- Have students transfer their goals for each month to a daily planner or school agenda book.
- Create a goals check each day or week for students to set goals, plan how to reach the goals, and discuss their progress.
- Have students write an essay about what they want to be doing 1 year from now, 5 years from now, 10 years from now. Then have students map out the tasks that need to be completed to reach those goals.

Guest Speaker Ideas

- A variety of occupations from each career family.
- College Admissions Representatives
- Trade School Reps
- Apprenticeship Reps
- Local employers
- Local business owners