**11th Grade Career Essay**

The Cardinal Capstone is the final culminating project of every Senior English Course. By 11th grade, students should have an idea of a career path. As your final essay in American Literature and Composition, you will be asked to write a four-page research essay. This essay will have two distinct sections.

1. **The Profession (1 page)**

What career path are you choosing?

What is the average salary (in the area you want to live)?

What level of education is required?

How do you plan to pay for your education?

Why are you choosing this career?

1. **Common App Essay: Problem and Solution (3 pages)**

What is a problem that you would like to solve?

Why does this problem matter to you?

How do you plan to solve the problem? What is your solution?

How would your plan help the world? Your community?

How would you raise money?

Who would you employ?

**Research**

You will be asked to research the topic you have chosen on your own. Remember that the ONLY VALID WEBSITE sources are:

* IN PRINT newspaper/magazine online sites
* Television station/network online sites
* State/Federal government online sites. (.gov)
* College/University sites (.edu)

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Rubric Elements:

* Your paper must be in MLA format. Please review proper MLA essay format at: <https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/mla_style/mla_formatting_and_style_guide/mla_general_format.html>
* Type in Arial or Times New Roman; 12 pt. font.; AND double-spaced.
* Save your essay as: **Your Last Name – Career Essay**
* Type on Office 365 and share with me @ [janet.vrba@cobbk12.org](mailto:janet.vrba@cobbk12.org)
* **Essays are due on Friday, 5/15/20.**
* Work Cited page
* In-text citations
* Proper spelling, capitalization, and grammar with clear, concise paragraphs

**Please use the following heading for your first page:**

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**Use the “Tab” key to indent. Do NOT hit the space bar 5 times.** Only use the “Enter” button when you have completed a full paragraph. You will only use the “ENTER” key five times for five paragraphs.