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English teacher's name and hour _____

Math teacher's name and hour _____

Social Studies teacher's name and hour _____

Science teacher's name and hour _____

8th Grade Career Research Project

Use this planning guide to figure out what career you will research. This guide will help you brainstorm and narrow down your thinking so that you can pick one career and make sure you research something you're the most interested in. Follow the steps below! Keep in mind that even if you're not sure about what you want to do, you still have to complete this brainstorming sheet!

Step One: Career Industries or Fields

An industry is defined as "the people and activities involved in producing a particular thing, or in providing a particular service." Examples include the automobile industry, which includes every job involved in creating a car; the education industry (teachers, principals, textbook writers, etc.); and the medical industry (doctors, nurses, radiologists, etc.). Refer to the titles of the career trees to choose 3 industries.

Step Two: Narrow it Down

Every industry includes many different jobs. For example, the medical industry or field includes doctors, nurses, researchers, medical technology sales, hospital administrators, radiologists, phlebotomists, and many others. Below, write the name of your top choice field on the left, and then write why that is your top choice on the right side.

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Step Three: Keep Narrowing

Now that you've chosen your top industry and you know why you want to go into this field, choose 3 jobs within that field that you are interested in pursuing. Put them in order, with 1 being the job you most want and 3 being the job that you would be ok with.

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Step Four: Pick ONE Career and Talk About It!

Pick one of the jobs above and write it on the left side below. Then, in 2-3 sentences, write why you want to pursue this job. Even if you're not 100% sure that this is what you'll do when you become an adult, still choose one and go with it!

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Step Five: Record Details about your Career

It's time to research! Find out some specific details about your chosen job. In 2-3 sentences or a list, answer the prompts.

<p>Describe the general, day-to-day responsibilities of this job.</p>	<p>What kind of education do you need to get this job? For example, do you need a 4 year degree? A doctorate degree? A certificate?</p>	<p>Which is the best college or trade school to attend, or which certificate do you need to obtain in order to achieve this career?</p>
<p>What is the schedule for this job? For example, is it 9-5 Monday through Friday? Weekends? Holidays? What kind of vacations would you receive?</p>	<p>What is the starting salary for someone who does this job? Is it paid salary or hourly?</p>	<p>Does this job usually offer health care benefits?</p>
<p>Are there opportunities for growth in this job? In other words, can you move up to a leadership role or learn new skills on the job?</p>	<p>What kind of retirement comes along with this job?</p>	<p>Is this a job that would be easy to do if you have a family and children? Why or why not?</p>

Step Six: Additional Details Needed

What other questions do you have about the job that you have chosen? Write at least 3 below.

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