

Handout 2.5a: Reading Response on a Career-Related Article

Student Name: _____ Due Date: _____

Evaluation Task

You will be expected to submit one reading response on a current article that relates to careers. Look for current career information in newspapers and magazines, or on the Internet. Choose from headlines that refer to employee benefits, cost and prices of products, technology, medical research, salary contracts, employment trends, job search, career profiles, hiring/firing and layoffs, etc. You may choose to write a response on an article that relates to your culminating activity career topic, and you may then use that article in your research materials for your final project.

Submit the original (if you own the newspaper or magazine) or provide a photocopy/printout of the article along with your written response. Please supply the web address

What Do You Do?

1) Content of Reading Response

- a) Write an introductory paragraph stating how this article relates to the Career Studies course and why you chose the article.
- b) Write two more paragraphs discussing two key points, which may include:
 - agreeing with or refuting the position of the writer
 - describing the rationale, the position of the theme of the article
 - discussing the innovations/ideas as they affect careers
 - relating the article to the units and lessons covered in class
 - writing a fictional or creative response to the article
- c) Write a concluding paragraph stating what you have learned from this article.

2) Evidence

Provide evidence that you have carefully read the article by highlighting or underlining key points in the article. Also, in your writing, include two specific quotes from the article to support the discussion of your key points.

3) Written Presentation

Staple the original or the photocopy of the article on a separate piece of paper and attach it to the printout of your response. Word processing is required, double spaced, in proper format with your name and date on the top of the printout. If you do not have access to a computer, ask your teacher for permission to write the assignment by hand. Correct grammar, spelling, and writing techniques are required. If you need help with this task, see your teacher before handing in the final copy.

4) Creativity to Support the Reading Response

- a) Demonstrate creativity such as the following to support the reading/writing:
 - a unique thought, a famous quote, an idea, a drawing, a cartoon, etc. (something creative or original to support the reading)
 - cover page, page borders, graphics, etc.

Be sure you have met all the criteria listed in the assessment tool to gain full marks.