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Dream Unit: How do you make a dream come true?

iSearch Essay

   In this research project you will write in the first person point-of-view, answering a question you write and use to guide your research. This is the culmination of the work you have done in Math and in Language Arts, exploring a dream career-path you have and how to make that dream come true in reality where we must plan, budget, and research that which we are interested in. This is called an "iSearch" paper because we are putting the "I" in research; in other words, it is all about you— your career path, your dreams, your plans for the future. You write in the first person point of view, supporting a thesis statement with credible research sources in MLA style; you also use your mathematical work with budgeting, taxes, etc. support your thesis statement.

   The thesis statement is an answer to your research question.

   My Research Question is

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   My Thesis Statement I'll Prove is

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Class	iSearch Part for Grade	Due Date
Language Arts	Notecards- paraphrasing and quoting from credible sources	In Folder, put in Crate _____
Language Arts	Rough Draft- Lead Body Paragraphs Closing All in-text citations in MLA Citation Machine Sources	In Folder, put in Crate _____
Math	Dream Project Packet	_____
Math	1040EZ Tax Form Rough Draft	_____
Language Arts & Math	Final Copy- Use your Rubrics and the Next page! Typed and Printed MLA Formatted, Essay Works Cited Page, Alphabetized Citations Final Copy of 1040 EZ form	Turn in to Tray in Language Arts
Language Arts & Math	Presentation- Use your Rubrics and the Next page!	_____
Math	Weekly Journal Entry	_____

iSearch Paper Final Copy Due on: _____

An "A" iSearch Paper Will:

Demonstrate a 5 or 6 in the Ideas 6+1 Trait Rubric:
      Have a Clear Thesis that is proved
      Have a minimum of _____ credible sources to prove thesis

      Support Ideas with Math Work including:

          ☐ Budget Table
          ☐ Circle Graph
          ☐ Discussion of Salary- Is it reasonable to
          think you'll make this much?

Demonstrate a 5 or 6 in the Organization 6+1 Trait:
      a lead that draws the reader in
      a logical flow of ideas with topic sentences
      a closing that reminds reader of thesis
      a closing that leaves the reader thinking/feels finished

Demonstrate a command of all sentence patterns with a 5/6 on the 6+1 Trait of Sentence Fluency:
      match the complexity of your Ideas to your sentence patterns— simple, compound, complex, compound-complex

Demonstrate a 5 or 6 in the Presentation Trait for:
      Follow MLA Format In-Text Citations and Formatting
      Provide an MLA Works Cited Page

Demonstrate a 5 or 6 in Conventions Trait:
      paragraphs
      capitalization
      consistent verb tenses
      no major errors that interfere with meaning
      no run ons
      no fragments
      minimal spelling/word usage errors
      use of the ellipsis . . .
      use of one dash –-
      use of a semicolon ;

iSearch Presentation

Name:_____

Once you have composed your iSearch paper, you will share the following in a power point presentation in this order:

☐ ATitle Page
☐ Your Research Question
☐ Your Thesis Statement
☐ An Image which is Symbolic of your Thesis Statement
☐ One Selected Paragraph of your Paper
☐ Math Graphic To Support your Selected Paragraph
☐ Works Cited Page

Presentations Begin On:_____

Name:_____

An A iSearch Presentation Will:
Demonstrate a 5 or 6 on the Presentation 6+1 Trait Rubric
Include all required content
Speak clearly
Make eye-contact with the entire audience (not just teacher)
Flow, without long pauses due to unpreparedness
Be saved and ready to pull up easily