

## Core Skills Analysis

### Career and Life Skills

- Developed research skills by navigating online resources to gather information about various careers.
- Gained knowledge of educational pathways required for specific professions, fostering an understanding of academic planning.
- Analyzed labor market data such as salary ranges to evaluate economic aspects of career choices.
- Practiced critical thinking by weighing the pros and cons and personal interest to make informed decisions about potential career paths.

### English Language Arts

- Enhanced reading comprehension through the synthesis of information from multiple online sources.
- Practiced informational writing skills by organizing facts on schooling, salary, responsibilities, and job outlook.
- Improved vocabulary related to professional and academic terms encountered during research.
- Engaged in reflective thinking about personal interests and goals, fostering self-expression and communication skills.

### Social Studies / Economics

- Explored the relationship between education level and economic outcomes such as salary and job security.
- Examined societal roles and contributions of various careers, understanding labor market diversity.
- Learned about workforce trends and how economic demands influence career opportunities.
- Considered personal values in the context of societal needs and economic realities.

### Tips

To deepen the student's understanding of career exploration, encourage them to conduct informational interviews or virtual job shadowing with professionals in their areas of interest. Creating a visual career map that outlines different pathways and potential advancement opportunities can make abstract concepts more tangible. Integrate budgeting exercises to understand how salary impacts lifestyle choices, helping students see the practical effects of career decisions. Lastly, combining this research with reflective journaling about skills, interests, and goals can foster self-awareness and help refine their decision-making process.

### Book Recommendations

- [What Do You Want to Be When You Grow Up?](#) by Michelane Davis: This engaging book introduces children to various careers with fun illustrations and simple explanations, encouraging early exploration of future possibilities.
- [Your Career, Your Way: How to Find a Job That Fits You](#) by Louise Quigley: A practical guide tailored for middle school students, helping them explore different job options and understand the steps for pursuing their own career paths.
- [Cool Careers Without College: 50 Great Jobs That Don't Require a Bachelor's Degree](#) by Diane Lindsey Reeves: This book provides insights into well-paying, interesting careers that do not require traditional four-year degrees, broadening perspectives on education and work.

## Learning Standards

- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.6.1: Cite textual evidence to support analysis of informational texts during research.
- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.6.2: Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas clearly.
- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.6.1: Engage effectively in collaborative conversations on grade-level topics.
- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.6.8: Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources.
- CCSS.MATH.CONTENT.6.SP.B.5: Summarize numerical data (salary) to describe distributions.

## Try This Next

- Create a comparative chart listing various careers, required education, salary ranges, pros and cons, alongside a personal interest rating.
- Write a mock interview script where the student poses questions to a professional in a researched career, followed by their own responses reflecting understanding.