College Exploration

WebQuest Description: You are going on an extensive journey looking into colleges you would like to attend. I know college is not for everyone but college research is a requirement in the class.

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Introduction

As you begin to dream, set goals and plan for your future, you must start with the most obvious questions – What do you want to do when you get out of high school? Where do you want to go to college? How many times have you been asked these questions? Well, here’s the beginning of researching what is right for YOU!

In this web quest, you will use the Internet to research and compare colleges according to costs, majors, admissions requirements, locations, programs, etc.

You are going to make this project your priority in class over the next two weeks. The research can be hard but if you follow the procedures it will make researching a little easier. Use your kudernavigator.com subscription as much as you like and or other websites to gain your information.

Things you will need to complete the Webquest and Portfolio:
Webquest:

- Internet Connection
- Computer
- Microsoft Office
- Printer in Color (optional for extra credit)

Portfolio:

- Portfolio with Clear Cover or with Clear Cover Sheet insert
- Sheet Protectors

Tasks

The Tasks: As you complete each task, you will:

- Understand critical college vocabulary
- Save all the information and create a college preparation portfolio.
- Know more about yourself and your career goals so you can intelligently choose a major in college.
- Make informed decisions about college comparisons.
- Learn what makes a good college essay and write an essay you could use on a scholarship application.
- Research available scholarships and apply for at least 2 scholarships


Below is the Steps to follow for this webquest. The first part is the directions and all the resources are below question #10. Please do step or task at a time. Don't rush, take this seriously and most of all have fun learning about college.

1. It's important to understand vocabulary about colleges so download Critical College Vocabulary and answer the questions. Print out 1 page and keep it in your portfolio binder.

2. For you Freshmen and Sophomores, making your high school count is one of the most important aspects for entering into a good college or making you successful in your career.
   a. Open up Making High School Count PDF and Word Document answering the questions on the word documents. When Finished print and put into your portfolio.
   b. Once you are finished, click on one major you would consider doing and print the first 2 pages of that major.
   c. Then Open up My Majors summary sheet Word Doc and answer the 6 questions.
   d. Format to 1 page and print the sheet.
   e. Put all your work into your portfolio.

3. Go to www.mymajors.com and click on Start Now to fill in the registration information so you can use their site.
   a. Take the quiz (this will take about 45 minutes) to find out what majors would be best for you in college.
   b. The test will come back with five suggested majors based on your answers in your quiz.
   c. Once you are finished, click on one major you would consider doing and print the first 2 pages of that major.
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   e. Put all your work into your portfolio.

4. Now that you have some majors to look at lets figure out what colleges we would like to attend according to your major.
   a. Go to: www.kudernavigator.com
   b. Pick the major that you would like to pursue for college according to your career or according to the My Majors ones you looked at:
   c. Open up the Critical College Information sheet Word Document.
   d. Research 4 or more colleges you would like to attend. Take your time on this.
   e. Once you have picked your 4 colleges to go to that have your major, record them on your assignment sheet.
   f. Go to Kuder Navigator and select education button on the right side of the webpage. It will show you the information you need.
   g. If you cannot find all the information you need you can go to:
   h. Use www.mappquest.com, www.yahoomaps.com, or www.google.com to find out how far it is to the colleges you are interested in and get directions to those schools starting from your home.
   i. Copy and Paste the Map
   j. Copy and Paste the Driving directions with the time.
   k. Put the name of the college at the top
   l. Copy and paste the URL at the bottom of the page.

5. Click on the following links to read articles about what it takes to write a good college essay.
   - http://www.collegeessays.info/
   a. Juniors and Seniors: After reading these articles, write a 400-500 word essay on the following subject or find another college entry essay: “Describe a situation in your life where you attempted to lead, serve or help others and it didn’t turn out as you expected.”
   b. Make sure you use MLA Formatting, Times New Roman 12 point font.

6. Go to www.fastweb.com and click on the Register for FastWeb Start Here button.
   a. Fill in the registration information so you can access their site.
   b. If you give them a valid email address, they will email you all kinds of helpful scholarships whenever you fit one of their categories.
   c. Freshmen and Sophomores: After registering, print out the email they sent you thanking you for your registration.
   d. Juniors and Seniors: After registering, visit their websites and complete the requirements for two scholarships.
   e. Print these as proof that you completed them and add them to your portfolio.

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8. Conclusion: Go to the conclusion page and answer the questions I have posted. Please reflect on these questions so I know how and what to change to make this a better webquest. Color your answers. Print them out and put them in your portfolio.

9. Final Task: Put all our work together into a well organized and complete portfolio. Here are the extra
requirements
a. title page,
b. table of contents with numbers not letters
c. Bibliography.
d. Resource page: Must have all resources in Alphabetical order.
e. Be Creative and use pictures. You may also use publisher to make your portfolio pop.

Evaluation

Below on the Word Doc. you will find the rubric. Make sure you read each section so you can get the most points possible. Make sure you have the appropriate portfolio and use graphics to enhance the appearance. Good luck..........and blow me away.
Possible Points = 200

4=A .............................200 pts - 180 Pts
3=B .............................179 pts - 160 Pts
2=C .............................159 Pts - 140 Pts
1=D ..............................139 Pts - 120 Pts
0=F ..............................119 Pts - 0 Pts

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Conclusion

Thank you for taking my college exploration adventure and looking into your very near future. I look forward to seeing the final product.

Download the conclusion document below

Answer the questions with well thought out and reflective answers and print it out for your portfolio.

Please be honest as this will help me to build a more user friendly or better webquest. Use pictures and format correctly
Color your answers

Teacher Page

Thank you for visiting my College Exploration webquest. If you would like to use this webquest or have an additional thoughts concerning this webquest. Please contact me at cmehl@scusd.net

After I collect student work I will post examples on line and let you look at the finished product.
Thank you for your dedication to your student's.
Christina

Credits

Other