College Campus Tours

WebQuest Description: This WebQuest is designed to help students investigate and learn about different college campuses across the United States.

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Introduction

This WebQuest was created with the AVID/LIA middle school student in mind. That's you! College may seem like it's years away, but the reality is that it is closer than you think! Many times students don't really begin thinking about where they want to go to college until it's almost time to start applying for college. I want you to start thinking about that now. I know what you're thinking, "Come on, Ms. G, you've got to be kidding me!" I'm not kidding you at all. In AVID/LIA, we are constantly talking about College Dreams - so why not think about which college that could be? Remember you don't need to make any final decisions right now, this is just to get you thinking about THE college you will eventually go to.

Tasks

Your first task is to determine the answers to the following questions by using the links provided in the Process section:
Will you go to an in-state college/university and live at home and commute?
Will you go to an in-state college/university and live on campus?
Will you go out of state?
What about housing and transportation?
Have you thought about roommates?
Would you prefer a small college/university or a large one?

Your second task is to find two 4-year colleges or universities that will best fit your needs as a college student (look back to your answers from the first task.)

Your third task is to create a presentation that will inform our class as to why you have chosen the college/university you did. It should include pictures and details about the college/university and the reasons for your decision. (PowerPoint Presentation)

Your final task will be to present your presentation to the class.

Process

Visit the following links to help you determine the answers to these questions:
Will you go to an in-state college/university and live at home and commute? Explain.
Will you go to an in-state college/university and live on campus? Explain.
Will you go out of state? Explain.
What about housing and transportation? Explain.
Have you thought about roommates? Explain.
Would you prefer a small college/university or a large one? Explain.

Tips for finding your college match:
Visit the following links to search for colleges/universities that fit your needs.
Remember to find 2 that are a match.

Now that you have selected 2 colleges/universities it's time to begin work on your presentation.
Include the name of the Colleges/Universities
Include the type of college/university
Include the location
Include the type of living options
Include the size of the college/university (student population)
Include your reasons for selecting these colleges/universities
Include pictures (don't forget to cite the source)
Presentation should be at least 12 slides including the title and reference slide.
Other ideas to consider: School song, motto, mascot, colors
Be sure to practice your presentation - out loud.
You will need to sign up for a presentation time - look for the sign up sheet on the back cupboard door.
Don't forget to look at the rubric in the Evaluation section to be sure you have completed the assignment.

Evaluation

Please open the document below "College Campus Tours" Rubric to understand how your project will be evaluated.

| Category and Score | | | | Score |
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Total Score
Congratulations! You are one step closer to making your college dreams come true! You now have a better idea of which college or university will best fit your needs. You also have a sense of what other options are out there for you! Keep learning and researching to find more information throughout the next few years. This will make it easier for you when it comes time to apply for college. Keep on, keepin’ on!

This WebQuest is designed for 8th and 9th grade AVID students to help them explore different aspects of choosing an appropriate college/university. This WebQuest could come before or after a unit on career exploration. If you choose to use this WebQuest after a career exploration unit, consider adding the element of degree programs to the task.

**Standards**

**Credits**

**Other**