AVID
Microsoft Word & Power Point Project
Freshmen & Sophomores

Who am I?
Where am I going?

You will go on a "Web Quest" to create Word documents for your portfolio and make a Power Point presentation that explores your personal strengths, interests and goals and how these relate to your plans after high school. A minimum of 15 slides will be developed using the websites listed below for graphics and research.

Are you ready? Here we go!

First of all, let's find out what makes you.... You.

Introduction – Who am I?

Family – The people with whom you live

1. Create a Power Point slide that tells us about your home life, don’t forget to include graphics in your Word documents! Describe your role in the family. Are you the big brother, little sister, or only child? Do you live with Mom and Dad, Grandparents, aunt, brother, a friend? A family is a group of people who live together and take care of each other. Who is your closest family member? Don’t forget your pets!

Bring a photo to scan or search clip art

http://gallery.yahoo.com/
Heritage or ethnicity – Your history

2. Create a slide that addresses your history.

Are you of Irish descent? Spanish? Was your great-great-grandfather a frontier judge? Or a pirate? Do you practice a religion or creed? Is there something in your history that's significant to you? Believe it or not, you might be able to use this information to win a scholarship! To research this you'll have to ask someone in your family some questions and you can search at:

http://religion.rutgers.edu/vri/index.html

Talents or abilities – What you’re “good” at

3. Create a slide that shows something you do well.

What are you good at? Is it sports? Music? Do you make chocolate chip cookies to die for? Are you the best speller in the school? Do you excel at Math? Are you a world class video game player? Can you recite poetry? Are you a movie trivia buff? Everybody is good at something. Take a look at yourself and decide what you do well. Bring a photo to show it, or search for a photo or graphic at:

Values – Awareness and understanding of personal values is essential, because what a person values is a good predictor of where he/she chooses to invest his/her energies. For instance, one person may be more interested in getting things done in a timely and efficient manner, while another finds it more important to maintain friendly relations with co-workers.
Depending on the job at hand, this may mean a mismatch between the person's values and job requirements.

"When your values are clear, your decision making is easy."
Roy "Walt" Disney

Think about your values

If you think about this quote from the creator of Disneyland you might see just why identifying your values is important. Walt Disney built an entertainment empire and created a culture based on a cartoon character! His values are evident in all his movies. Honesty wins, evil goes down to defeat, and people live happily ever after. What values demonstrated in Disney films are also your values?

Think about your passions. What personal characteristics are important to you? (Examples: Honesty, strong work ethic, treating others with kindness, sensitivity, acceptance, sense of humor, achievement, affiliation, power, or religious beliefs, etc.)

What are you willing to fight for? What issues concern you? Your values are an important facet of your college and career planning.

4. Using a Disney character, create a values slide that begins... "I feel strongly about..."

Search for Disney characters to help demonstrate your values at
http://disney.go.com/desktopstop/

**Interests** - Academic and Non-academic - What do you like to do?

5. Create a slide that addresses your favorite academic subject.

6. Create a second slide that shows your favorite thing (or things) you do away from the classroom. These interests can be school related, or not school related. You might be very talented in this area, or you might not be good at it at all, *but you are interested in it*. Bring a photo for each slide or search for clip art at:

http://gallery.yahoo.com/

**Personal Strengths**

These might include "soft skills" such as being a good listener; having a good sense of humor; being enthusiastic, a team-player or very organized. These might also include things like being adventurous, funny, smart, unselfish, kind, friendly, helpful, careful, noisy, quiet, tenacious, flexible, competitive, honest, dependable.

Create a superhero slide for each of these three statements.

7. My friends describe my best qualities as...

8. My family describes my best qualities as...
9. I think my best qualities are...

You can search for clipart for superheroes at:

http://www.batman-superman.com/superman/cmp/

Where am I going?

Now that we have an idea of who you are...
Where are you headed after high school?
Dreams and Goals

Lifestyle and family

Think about what kind of future you envision. Do you want to live the same lifestyle as your parents do now? If not, what do you want to do differently? Do you want to live in the city? On a farm? In another state? Do you want to live near the beach? Or near the mountains? Do you want to live in a different climate? Do you want to be married? Have children? Do you want to travel? Do you want lots of money to spend or are you content with a simple life? Do you want to drive a hot sports car or are you more of an SUV driver? What material things are important to you and what can you live without?

10. Create a slide that shows how you imagine your lifestyle when you're an adult. Search at:


Search for cars you might like to drive at:


or for clip art at  http://gallery.yahoo.com/

Home

What kind of home do you want? Do you want to live in a big suburban house? Or a New York Brownstone? Do you prefer a cabin in the woods?
Or a tent on the beach? This is your dream, so think about what you really like.

11. Create a slide that shows what kind of home you hope for when you are an adult. You can search for homes at:

http://www.luxuryrealestate.com/mainprop.html

Career

12. Create a slide that shows your dream job. Choose a career and make a slide that outlines:

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<td>Salary</td>
<td>Work Setting (office, outdoors, hospital, school, etc.)</td>
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Go to the following website and take the Career Interest Exam.

Discover what career you might be best suited to do.

This is the link:
http://www.careerkey.org/english/

Students then click on “You”.

On the next page, under “The Career Key “, click on “Take The Career Key:”

Career Interest

Then search jobs at:

http://jobsearch.monster.com/

http://hotjobs.com
Recreation

13. Create a slide (or two) that shows what you plan to do for fun when you are an adult. Bring your own photo or you can search for recreation art at:

http://www.sacramento.com/
http://sacramento.citysearch.com/section/sports_recreation
http://www.nba.com/kings/
http://www.rivercats.com/

Education

No matter what you chose to be, you’ll need to acquire the skills after high school.

14. Create a slide (or slides) that show where you will acquire the knowledge required for your chosen career. This slide will include:

- The name of the school, training center, military, etc.
- The location of the school
- Interesting fact about the school

You can search information about colleges at the following websites

http://www.usnews.com/usnews/edu/college/rankings/rankindex.htm - Ranks Colleges
www.collegenet.com - College Search
www.csumentor.edu - California State Universities (23 of them)
www.ucop.edu/pathways/ - University of California Schools (9 of them)
http://www.sierra.cc.ca.us/ Sierra College
Conclusion

15. Create a slide that shows something that sums up your hopes for your future titled: "When I grow up I want to be... happy!"
You may use any of the websites listed above for artwork.

Snapshot of the Assignment

Create at least one slide for each of the following

Who are you?

- Family
- Heritage or ethnicity
- Talents & abilities
- Values (Disney)
- Academic Interests
- Non-academic interests
- Personal Strengths (Super hero)

My friends describe my best qualities as...
___ Personal Strengths (Super hero)
My family describes my best qualities as...
___ Personal Strengths (Super hero)
I think my best qualities are...

Where are you going?
___ Lifestyle dreams
___ Dream home
___ Dream job
___ Recreation dreams
___ Education dreams
___ When I grow up I want to be... happy :-}