

Name: _____ Date: _____

Career Pathway Essay Worksheet

Please use this worksheet to create your essay. You must submit an actual essay. A completed worksheet will NOT count as the essay.

My Personal Dilemma: Which career pathway is the best fit for me?

Seeing the Moanalua High School Success Standards in action:

Addressing Complex Problems: Which pathway suits you best?

Gathering and organizing Information: Lessons and inventories that explored your interests, passions, skills and information about the career pathways

Taking a Stand and Defending it with evidence: Writing this essay expressing your choice and rationale for your choice

Prompt: After gathering and organizing all the information about yourself and the career pathways, choose a pathway that best suits your interests and skills and defend your choice.

In a short essay, state your career pathway choice and answer each of the following questions.

Thesis sentence: Which career pathway best suits your interests and skills? (Taking a stand)

Paragraph 1) Why did you choose your career pathway? Give at least 2 reasons using the various inventories or surveys. (Defending your stand and supporting it with evidence)

Paragraph 2) Now that you have your career path, what do you consider most appealing/interesting about the pathway you have chosen? Give at least 2 reasons. (Using the information you have gathered and organized)

Paragraph 3) What are at least three things that you need to do now in high school to prepare yourself for the career pathway you have chosen. Consider clubs, choice of classes, athletics, community services, personal goals, etc. (Using the information you have gathered and organized)

Use this template to construct your essay:

Thesis sentence: After gathering information about myself and the career pathways, I am best suited for _____.
(State your career pathway choice - the focus of your essay)

Paragraph 1: Topic Sentence: "I chose _____ pathway because...
(Give at least 2 reasons using the various inventories or surveys)

Evidence 1 (from surveys and inventories) and explanation of your evidence:

Evidence 2 (from surveys and inventories) and explanation of your evidence:

Concluding statement of this topic

Paragraph 2: Topic Sentence: The most appealing / interesting things about the pathway I have chosen are.....
(Give at least 2 reasons)

Evidence 1 (from surveys and inventories) to support your topic sentence and explanation of your evidence:

Evidence 2 (from surveys and inventories) to support your topic sentence and explanation of your evidence:

Concluding statement of this topic

Paragraph 3: Topic Sentence: Some of the activities that I can get involved in while I am in high school that would prepare me well for my chosen pathway are...

(choose at least 3 things that may include class choices, clubs, athletics, community service, part-time jobs etc.)

Evidence 1 (from surveys and inventories) to support your topic sentence and explanation of your evidence:

Evidence 2 (from surveys and inventories) to support your topic sentence and explanation of your evidence:

Concluding statement of this topic

Concluding Statement of Thesis: Tie in everything that you talked about in your paragraphs to your thesis sentence / statement.