CAREER EXPLORATION

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WORK STYLE: CARETAKER

Your Work Style

What motivates you? What do you find satisfying? What sorts of tasks and activities could you do every day, without getting bored?

These are key questions to ask when searching for a career. Your ideal career will make the most of your strengths, so that your work feels natural and comfortable to you. It will tap into your core motivations, so that you have a sense that what you do is important and authentic to who you are. It will also suit you in a practical sense, by asking you to work on the sorts of tasks and activities that you naturally enjoy.

The chart below describes how you process information and how you approach the problem-solving process. To read this chart and the other charts in this section, look at the size of each quadrant. A larger area indicates that a particular style is a better fit for you. Smaller areas indicate that the style is not a very good fit.

HUMANITARIAN

Driven to make the world a better place. Creative and imaginative in coming up with insightful solutions to meaningful problems.

CARETAKER

Wants to be of service to others. Prefers to work within established institutions to find ways to maintain stability and security.

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INNOVATOR

Likes to solve complex, rational problems. Uses analytical skills to come up with innovative ways to improve logical systems.

PRAGMATIST

Wants to ensure accuracy and efficiency. Enjoys working within established, logical systems to accomplish practical, real-world goals.
The Six Interest Areas

Each of the six interest areas describes a cluster of related work tasks and activities. People who are drawn to each of these interest areas tend to have certain characteristics, preferences, and personality traits in common.

- **Building**
  Building jobs involve the use of tools, machines, or physical skill. Builders like working with their hands and bodies, working with plants and animals, and working outdoors.

- **Thinking**
  Thinking jobs involve theory, research, and intellectual inquiry. Thinkers like working with ideas and concepts, and enjoy science, technology, and academia.

- **Creating**
  Creating jobs involve art, design, language, and self-expression. Creators like working in unstructured environments and producing something unique.

- **Helping**
  Helping jobs involve assisting, teaching, coaching, and serving other people. Helpers like working in cooperative environments to improve the lives of others.

- **Persuading**
  Persuading jobs involve leading, motivating, and influencing others. Persuaders like working in positions of power to make decisions and carry out projects.

- **Organizing**
  Organizing jobs involve managing data, information, and processes. Organizers like to work in structured environments to complete tasks with precision and accuracy.
Exploring Careers

Now, let’s take a look at a few of the top careers that match your interest profile. These are careers that match the areas you are most interested in, while avoiding areas which you are not suited for.

Art Director

AVERAGE EARNINGS: $92,500
PROJECTED GROWTH: 5%

Art directors are responsible for the visual style and images in magazines, newspapers, product packaging, and movie and television productions. They create the overall design of a project and direct others who develop artwork and layouts.

Multimedia Artist or Animator

AVERAGE EARNINGS: $70,530
PROJECTED GROWTH: 8%

Multimedia artists and animators create animation and visual effects for television, movies, video games, and other forms of media.
TEACHING
WHAT DOES TEACHING MEAN?

- Teachers educate students on certain topics and situations that are important
- They also help to inspire students lives by being a role model
- Teachers are also a safe person to come to when a student needs someone to talk to
The minimum qualification for teachers in the United States is a bachelor's degree, which typically takes four years.

For elementary and middle school teachers, a bachelor's degree in education is all that's required.

Classes like English, math, science, and social studies, elementary teaching methods, early child development, teaching exceptional children, etc. should be taken to become a teacher.
WHAT SCHOOLS PROVIDE THOSE CLASSES?

- Central Michigan University
- Eastern Michigan University
- Ferris State University
- Grand Valley State University
- Michigan State University
- Oakland University
- Saginaw Valley State University
- University of Michigan - Ann Arbor

Plus many more.
The average salary for public school teachers was $58,353 in 2016.

Nationwide, the average public school teacher salary for the 2017-2018 school year was $60,483.
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