**Personal Finance Project DO THIS SHEET 1st**

**Economics, Formative**

**Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Class Period:\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ /10**

**Careers Worksheet**

**Overall Sheet Description:** *In this part of the Personal Finance Project you will be finding out what type of career might suite your personality. Then you will research a career and write down important information about the career. Some of the information you will find out in this part of the project will be used on the summative assessment of this project.*

**PART I: Career Choice (5 possible points in section)**

**Directions:** *Follow the steps below and fill in the required information.*

1. List three careers you are interested in having as an adult. Please consider your interests, talents, and work ethic. Be sure to pick a career that currently exists and has a reasonable amount of information available about it on the internet. If you do pick an “obscure career” you will be on your own to find information about it.
2. Explain briefly why you would like to have each of the jobs you have listed.

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| Occupation (in order of interest) | Why Appealing to You? |
| #1 |  |
| #2 |  |
| #3 |  |

**PART II: Career Research (15 possible points in section)**

**Directions:** *Follow the steps below and fill in the required information.*

1. Write the name of the career you are MOST interested in having in 10 years here:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Go to the web page [www.bls.gov/oco/](http://www.bls.gov/oco/). This is a web site created by the U.S. government to give basic information about most professions. The site is managed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)
3. On the left side of the BLS page is a list of several broad “Occupation Groups”. Find the category that best matches your career choice. If you can’t find a category that matches your career choice, feel free to ask for help, or try a new category.
4. Once on the “Occupation Group” of your choice, left click. What will appear next is a list of sub categories. Continue working through the sub categories until you reach the career that closest matches your career choice.
5. Once on the career of your choice, please answer the following questions based on the information on this site. You will need to click on the major career areas that are found on the left side of the page in order to find the career you are interested in. You will then need to pick a specific career from the left side of the page that comes up under each major heading. Click on a specific career and answer the below questions based on the information provided under each blue heading. You will need to click on each blue heading to get more information. If you have picked an “obscure career” you will be on your own to find the below information.

**\*Each question should be answered in several complete sentences or bullet points**

1. **“What They Do” Questions:** What do you do in in this career? In other words, what do you do in this job and what are the job duties?
2. **“Work Environment” Questions:** Describe where people typically work in this job.
3. **“How to Become One” Questions:** How do you become a person who does this job? In other words, what type of training and/or qualifications do you need to have in order to do this job? What are the important qualities of a person who has this job. Does the job require a license?
4. **“Pay” Questions:** What is the pay per year doing this career? List the high end and the low end (if they are provided). For the purposes of this project purposes use the “median annual wage”. If your career only lists an hourly wage, please see your instructor for how to convert it to a “median annual wage”. This question only needs to be answered in a few bullet points showing wages.
5. **“Job Outlook” Questions:** What is the job outlook for this career? Will there be more or less jobs in this career in the future?