

Unit 1 Career Choices

Part A: Introduction

Assignment 1 ◉ 10 points



Course Details

Please carefully read “*Welcome to English Communications 12*” in this course booklet. It is important that you clearly understand what you will be learning, the assignment requirements, and how you will be evaluated.

When you have finished reading “*Welcome to English Communications 12*”, answer the following 12 questions in your **Learning Journal**, using full sentences:

- Name the **three** pairs of skills you will be developing in this ECM 12 course.
- How many units in this course?
- How many exams are required in this course?
- Name the **four** things your marker will be looking for as he/she marks your assignments.
- If an assignment is worth 20 points, how much is “organization” worth?
- If an assignment is worth 10 points, how much is “thought and detail” worth?
- What is the purpose of the **Learning Journal**?
- What is the purpose of a **Reading Response**?
- Name one **Reading Response** topic you might like to choose.
- Name one thing to avoid when you write a **Reading Response**?
- What two things should be balanced when you write a **Reading Response**?
- In writing a **Reading Response**, what is the minimum number of drafts you are required to do?

Part B: Review

Assignment 2 ◉ 10 points



Reviewing Literary Terms

In thinking, writing, and speaking about literature, there is a common language (or a collection of literary terms) that is used to communicate ideas. On page 87 of this course booklet, there is an alphabetical list of some of these terms. Please read this list carefully.

The following eight review activities will help you to think about the literary terms and to decide which ones you will need to learn more about before you begin this course. There are many combinations of correct answers. When you are unsure, use a dictionary or refer to the “Glossary” that begins on page 324 of *Passages 12*. Please write your answers in your **Learning Journal**, using complete sentences.

- List **four** terms you know very well.
- List **two** terms you would be more likely to find in poetry rather than in prose.
- List **two** terms you would be more likely to find in prose rather than in poetry.
- List **two** terms you would be just as likely to find in poetry as in prose.

5. List **three** terms that you need to remind yourself of the correct spelling.
6. List **three** terms that you are not sure of and need to look up meaning in the dictionary.
7. List **two** techniques you have used in your own writing.
8. List **two** techniques you often notice when you read published authors.

It is recommended that you occasionally glance back at the list of literary terms and your review in your **Learning Journal** as you continue through this English Communications 12 course.

Assignment 3

◉ 10 points



Reviewing Reading Responses

Throughout this course, you will be asked to write your own ideas (or responses) to many of the things you read. You have seen the requirements for Reading Responses on pages 18 and 19 of this course booklet. In this assignment, you will review those requirements and think about one sample Reading Response.

The following sample was written in response to “Be-ers and Doers” by Budge Wilson. This short story is found in Wilson’s collection, *The Leaving* (Anansi, 1990). You may have read this story, but that is not necessary for you to understand this Reading Response sample. Please read the sample carefully.

Now, give six (6) clear reasons why this is a good Reading Response. Write your answers in complete sentences in your Learning Journal.

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Be Who You Want To Be

by Vince Jeffries

“Be-ers and Doers” was written by Budge Wilson. The family in this story reminds me of a lot of families I know where one of the parents or both of them try to control their kids too much. Sometimes parents don’t give their sons and daughters a chance to live the life they want to live.

The mother in the story is a “doer” because she is always busy and tells everyone what to do. But the father isn’t like her. She thinks he’s lazy. He is a “be-er” who takes time off and just does nothing when he wants to. Albert is their son and he is a lot like his father. This is basically what causes problems in the family because the mother wants Albert to be more like her.

One Christmas a spark from the fireplace started a fire in their living room. Albert proved to everyone that he isn’t lazy or stupid like his mother says because he knew exactly what to do. After he put the fire out, his mother was saying how proud she was. Albert told her to mind her own business. It was like he didn’t even care if she was proud. He said he was leaving home so he could be who he wanted to be. Next year I’ll be moving to Halifax and I’ll have a chance to be who I want to be. My parents don’t try to control me as much as Albert’s mother controls him, but if you live with your parents it’s like you’re always their little kid. They know where you go and what you do and when you come home. If you have your own place, even if it’s with roommates, you can do what you want. Maybe you’ll mess up and make mistakes, but you’ll just have

yourself to blame because you're the one in control.

By the end of the story, Albert lived by himself on the Bay of Fundy, with animals and a pile of books. Some people would think that was weird, but that doesn't matter. Albert became the kind of person he wanted to be and lived the life he wanted to live. He didn't let his mother or anyone else control him.

Part C: Considering Career Choices

As you begin this English Communications 12 correspondence course, it is worthwhile taking time to think about your future plans. How will you use this course? Perhaps you will continue your education and study towards a new career. Perhaps you will qualify for a job that interests you. These assignments will give you opportunities to gather information that may be of help as you plan your future.

Assignment 4

10 points



Interview Questions

What might you be interested in doing after you have earned your grade 12 certificate? Please name one for the purpose of this assignment.

Career

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One of the best ways to find out about a career or a course of study is to talk to someone who is already involved. Make up **six** questions you will ask. Topics you might use are: job pay and benefits; job security; skills required; the best thing about the job; the worst thing about the job; job availability; course requirements; cost of course; difficulty of course; the best thing about the course; the worst thing about the course; etc.

My Six Interview Questions

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

Media Connections

Do **one** of the following two choices:

Choice 1: Newspaper Connections

Assignment 7 ◉ 30 points



Part 1: 10 points

In a current local newspaper, find a news article that has some connection with a career that interests you. The article may include a picture with a caption, but it is not enough to only have a picture with a caption. Carefully cut out this news article and attach it to a blank page. At the top of your page, write the name and the date of the newspaper.

Re-read the newspaper article, underlining or highlighting at least three details that you find interesting.

Part 2: 20 points

Consider the connections between the newspaper article and the career that interests you. On a separate page, clearly answer these questions:

- a) Explain how the news article connects to the career that interests you.
- b) Is there information about the career that is misleading or not realistic? Explain, quoting at least one sentence from the article.
- c) Find two words used in the article that best describe the career.
- d) Add one more interesting details about this career that is not mentioned in the news article.
- e) Would the daily newspaper be useful to you in your career? Explain.

Choice 2: Internet Connections:

Assignment 7 ◉ 30 points



Part 1: 10 points

Do an Internet search to find a web site that has some connection to a career that interests you. Print a hard copy of at least one page from this web site. Be sure the complete web address is shown on the printout.

Re-read the printout, underlining or highlighting at least three details that you find useful and/or interesting.

Part 2: 20 points

Consider the connections between the printout from the web site and the career that interests you. On a separate page, clearly answer these questions:

- a) Explain how the page you selected from the web site connects to the career that interests you.
- b) Is there information about the career that is misleading or not realistic? Explain.
- c) Find two words used in the printout that best describe the career.
- d) Add one more interesting detail about this career that is not mentioned on the web site.
- e) Would the internet be useful to you in your career? Explain.

It is time to double check your work to make sure that you have completed all of the required assignments. You may send your assignments to your marker if you wish.

Unit 1 Overview of Assignments and Values:			
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Assignment 3:	Reviewing Reading Responses	Learning Journal	10
Part C: Considering Career Choices			
Assignment 4:	Interview Questions	Unit Assignment	10
Assignment 5:	Interviews	Unit Assignment	20
Assignment 6:	Pros and Cons	Unit Assignment	10
Assignment 7:	Media Connections	Unit Assignment	30
Choice 1: Newspaper Connections			
Part 1	Newspaper Connections	Major Assignment	10
Part 2	Newspaper Connections	Major Assignment	20
Choice 2: Internet Connections			
Part 1	Internet Connections	Major Assignment	10
Part 2	Internet Connections	Major Assignment	20