

Career Essay

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO DO IN AN ENERGY COMPANY?

Research a career in energy.

Research a career in energy that appeals to you. You can use the Internet, library resources, email, and people you may know to prepare your report. Collect pictures in addition to notes and information.

You might search the web sites of several energy companies - in different parts of the United States, and in other countries - to see how energy careers are similar and different across states and cultures.

Ask these questions as you do your research:

- What does this job involve?
- What kinds of people do well in this job?
- What kind of education or other preparation is required for this career?
- What classes do I need to take in junior and senior high if I want to pursue this career?
- What would be a typical career path – beginning jobs, and jobs I could advance into?
- Why does this career appeal to me?
- If I pursued this career, what would I like to accomplish?

You could also look for new energy careers that are being created as energy companies are creating new sources for energy, such as wind, solar, biomass, or geothermal.

Collect all your information and your notes in a career journal. Use your career journal to create a report. The report can be created in one of several ways:

- a written report;
- a poster, diagram or other visuals;
- an interview story, in which you write questions and answers as if you are interviewing an imaginary employee in the career you have researched;
- a “day in the life” story, in which you write in first person, as if you are the employee whom you have researched;
- a magazine article, as if you are writing an article about this career for a magazine. You can also lay out the article with pictures and graphics.
- a video story, as if you are creating a television news story or documentary about your career.

