

## **Newcomers Summer Project**

**20% of 1<sup>st</sup> MP Grade**

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade** Choose any of the following:

**Project 1:** Interview someone who has been to college. Ask questions about the entry requirements, the benefits of going to college, what skills were learned, how long it takes to complete college and the employment available after graduation. You can chart a “Before College” and “After College” presentation. What did you learn that you did not know before this interview?

**Project 2:** Create a video or write a dialogue of an interview of someone who went to college and another of one who did not attend college.

For the one who attended college, ask about:

- Entry requirements
- Skills learned
- Social Benefits
- Employment opportunities
- Time spent
- Internships
- Advice he/she would give to students in high school

For the one who did not attend college, ask about:

- Current job
- Salary
- Difficulties in finding employment
- Regrets about not going to college
- Advice he/she would give to students in high school

Finally, answer the question: *Why is a college education important for everyone?*

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**10<sup>th</sup> Grade** Choose any of the following:

**Project 1:** Research your careers of interest (at least two), and identify skills necessary for these careers. Identify the colleges that offer majors in these career choices and research the tuition and other expenses (dorm, books, traveling) involved in attending these colleges/universities. What are the pay scales associated with these career choices? What is the job demand in this field? Create a graph/chart showing pay scales, colleges and tuition, etc. to display all the relevant parts of this project.

**Project 2:** Interview someone who makes minimum wage or close to it and interview another person who makes more than 60,000.00 per year. Find out where they live, what jobs they do, what they do for entertainment, and whether they went to college or not. Whose life is better and why? What advice does each have for high school students? Create a chart or write an essay to display answers to all of the above.

**Project 3:** Write a report on the importance of the PSAT and SAT. What is it? Why and where is it used? What are the skills necessary to do well on this exam? How can one practice before doing the exam?

Sign up on [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) and perform one practice SAT test. Attach your results to the project. How can you improve your grade? Create an action plan.

