

## California Career Zone

### Exploring Strengths, Interests, and Careers

Career planning is a lifelong process. Part of this process involves reflecting on your interests, skills, and values. In addition, it includes the exploration of the world of work and what it takes to obtain the types of jobs you are interested in. The following activities will help you get started on this journey.

1. Using a Chromebook or computer, navigate to [www.cacareerzone.org](http://www.cacareerzone.org)
2. At the top right, click 'SIGN IN NOW'
3. In the dialog box that pops up, click 'CREATE AN ACCOUNT'
  - a. Please write down or send an email to yourself with your log in credentials so you can get back into this site at a later date.
4. Once you successfully create your account, you will be taken to the 'Home' page. You will be completing some interest and skill based surveys.
5. Hover over '**I want to...**' on the top toolbar and then click on '**Interest Profiler**' which is located under '**Activities**'
  - a. The Interest Profiler is a survey designed to help you explore your interests and see how they are related to the world of work and potential careers.
  - b. Click on '**Begin**' to start a new Interest Profiler- You will complete the **60 question** survey
  - c. When done, click '**View Summary**' and complete the Interest Profiler portion of your assignment sheet below.
6. Again, hover over '**I want to...**' on the top toolbar and click on '**Work Importance Profiler**'.
  - a. This survey is designed to help you explore what is important to you in a job and then provides a list of jobs that match your work values.
  - b. Click on '**Start a New Work Importance Profiler**'.
  - c. When done, click '**View Summary**' and complete the Work Importance Profiler portion of your assignment sheet below.
7. Hover over "**I want to...**" on the top toolbar and click on '**Skills Profiler**'.
  - a. This survey is designed to help you explore your skillset and identify jobs that utilize these same skills.
  - b. Click on '**Start a new Skills Profiler**'.
  - c. When done, click '**View Summary**' and complete the Skills Profiler portion of your assignment below.
8. Once all three surveys and assignments are complete, navigate to the '**Career Hub**' section of CA Career Zone and click on '**Report**'.
9. Complete the '**My Report**' portion of this assignment below.

# California Career Zone Career Exploration Student Assignment Sheet

## Interest Profiler

1. List your top 3 interest areas along with a brief description of each (this can be found by hovering over the interest area).

a.

b.

c.

2. When you click '**View Occupations**', what are the top three occupations listed?

a.

b.

c.

3. In CA Career Zone, select 3 or 4 of the listed occupations and click '**Compare Selected**'. What have you discovered about yourself after reviewing these careers?

## Work Importance Profiler

1. What are your top two work values:

a.

b.

2. After reviewing the definition of each, do you feel that these values best describe what is

important to you in a job? Explain.

3. After you click '**View Occupations**', reflect on the careers listed. What similarities do you see with this list and the list presented after completing the '**Interest Profiler**'.

4. Select one career to click on and read about. List the career and provide a summary of duties and responsibilities below.

Career:

Summary:

## **Skills Profiler**

1. Which skills are you strongest in? Do you agree or disagree with this assessment?

**My Report** - take time to look around this section to learn more about careers that your survey has identified as a good match for you.

1. Scroll down to 'Top clusters'. What are the top clusters that contain the most occupations from your assessment results? List all of them here:

2. Click on one of these career clusters and explore various careers that are listed. Click on an individual career that interests you. Write a brief summary of that career (5 or more sentences). Focus on job description, education/training needed, potential salary, etc.

3. Use the 'back arrow' to get back to the 'cluster' you selected. Click on '**fastest growing**'. What are some of the '**fastest growing**' careers in this cluster?

4. What correlation do you notice between Job Zone (training level) and average wage?

5. Are there any careers of interest that you would like to learn more about? List 2 below along with a brief description of each.

Career #1

Career #2