

BELL RINGER ACTIVITIES



▶ PLANNING FOR THE COST OF COLLEGE

1. Imagine you have no money for college. There's no savings account or parental help. You're on your own. Now choose a higher education path with this in mind, and think about how you'll pay for it. You can apply for financial aid, take out student loans and/or work part-time jobs to help cover expenses. You can go for four years, two years or 18 months. You might pick the military or skilled trades training. Explain your answer in four to six sentences.
2. Now imagine you have limitless money for college. There's nothing holding you back – where do you go and what do you study? Do you go to graduate school? What's your dream job after graduation? Explain your answer in four to six sentences.
3. Look at both versions and now find a compromise somewhere in the middle. What path fulfills all your dreams but with a practical way of paying? Explain your answer in four to six sentences.

▶ JOBS IN HEALTH CARE

1. Turn to page 24 and take the health care quiz to see which industry is right for you.
2. Based on your results, flip to the corresponding profile and get to know more about the field and related jobs.
3. List three traits that you have that you think would make you a perfect fit for this job.
4. Next, flip to the degree directory starting on page 185 to see which schools in Arkansas offer that degree path and rank your top schools based on that list.

▶ LIFESTYLE CALCULATOR GAME

1. Play the game on pages 86-87.
2. Using your results on page 88, find the column that matches your number of points, and write down the salary range for that column in the box above. Next, choose one or more occupations you might consider in order to earn this salary.
3. In three to five sentences, write what you think about your results. Questions to consider: What surprised you about your results? Why did you pick that occupation? What lifestyle do you picture for yourself 10 years from now? Will that occupation get you to that 10-year plan? What else? Discuss the results as a class.

▶ CAREER QUIZ FUN

1. Turn to page 116. Take the career/personality quiz featured on the page. What career/degree paths were recommended for you?
2. Make a list of the top career recommendations.
3. Write a paragraph about why you think the quiz recommended these for you and why you would be interested in them (or not).

▶ SCHOLARSHIP HEAD START

1. Go to the Financial Aid section (pages 67-77) for an overview on how to get money for college.
2. Make a list of all the scholarships that you might have a chance of receiving.
3. Several of the scholarships are representative of other available scholarships. List three things you might research online to find more scholarships you could be eligible for. When you finish, you should have a good start for when you need to begin applying!