Grab Hold of Life! – 1000 points possible

SLS1501 – Introduction to the College Experience – Fall 2018

Dr. Magdala T. Ray

Imagine the life of your dreams! In this project, you will explore your future by creating a Powerpoint Presentation that includes de Bono’s Six Thinking Hats Chart (Part I), and a Research Log (Part II) to present to the class the life and career you have researched. Project yourself either five years (2023) or ten years (2028) into the future. Be creative, practical and analytical in this project. In other words, present your research results creatively but realistically. The class presentation may not exceed three minutes!

Use proper spelling, grammar, punctuation and capitalization throughout the entire project. Be as creative as possible, including photos, graphics, fonts, colors, video settings, animation, etc. PowerPoint slides should always use a 24 point font or larger and should contain bullet points – not complete sentences. The bullet points are intended as prompts when you present to a group. I will email you and place on BlackBoard a template to guide you.

Part I: POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

(600 pts – 100 of the 600 points are for the classroom presentation)

Prepare the following Powerpoint slides and present to class:

**Slide 1: Title and Your Name**

**Slide 2: Introduction:** Examples of information to include -- Is it 2023 or 2028? Provide your age, gender, marital status, and where you live (city, state and country if not USA). Provide ages of any children or pets you have. How is your household supported – by you, your spouse and you, a roommate and you? Are you working part-time or full-time?

**Slide 3: Occupation & Income:** Examples of information to include -- Identify and describe the career you have researched, the education needed to reach this point, job description, work environment and hours, and clothing required. Provide your monthly salary, based on the average salary for this profession at this point in your career – whether it is 2022 or 2028. How do you afford health insurance and what is its cost per month? How much vacation (paid or unpaid?) have you earned at this point in your career?

**LIVING EXPENSES**

**Slide 4: Housing:** Examples of information to include -- Identify and describe your living situation – house, condo, or apartment? What is the cost of the monthly rent or mortgage in your career location? Is there an HOA fee? Who does the maintenance on yard and/or pool and what does it cost per month? What is the cost of fire, wind and flood insurance required for your location?
**Slide 5: Transportation:** Examples of information to include -- What are you driving? How do you get around? Bike, scooter, rent a car, own a car? What are the gas prices in this location in 2021 or 2026? Include monthly cost of public transportation if utilizing bus, subway, taxi, etc.

**Slide 6: Food, Fitness and Entertainment:** Examples of information to include -- Identify the household’s monthly grocery bill. Do not forget diapers for any babies! What is the monthly cost of eating out, and where do you go? Is there a monthly fitness center or health club cost? What do your hobbies or recreations cost you per month? What is the monthly cost of movies or sporting events you (and your family) may attend?

**Slide 7: Utilities and Bills:** Examples of information to include -- How is your house or apartment powered – solar, gas, electricity? What is the monthly cost for power, water, internet, TV? How much do you pay per month on credit cards? Any education loans to pay off monthly? If you have children, how are they cared for and educated, and what is the cost per month? Don’t forget the pets – monthly cost to feed and care for them properly!

**Slide 8: Savings and Investments:** Examples of information to include -- What amount of money are you saving each month? Any investments – real estate, stocks, bonds, CDs, etc.? What is your retirement plan and how is it being financed? How much do you contribute monthly to a specific church, synagogue or charity?

**ANALYSIS**

**Slide 9: Supporting Your Lifestyle:** Examples of information to include -- What is your total monthly take home income? What are your total monthly expenses in this lifestyle and career? Bottom line: are you earning enough money to support your desired lifestyle? If not, what adjustments need to be made? Do you have “disposable income?” If so, what do you do with that money?

**Slide 10: De Bono’s Six Thinking Hats:** Create a Six Thinking Hats chart about the career you are considering.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>White Hat</th>
<th>Red Hat</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Black Hat</td>
<td>Yellow Hat</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Green Hat</td>
<td>Blue Hat</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
**Slide 11: Reflection:** Answer the following questions: 1) What did you learn in researching this career and lifestyle? 2) What surprised you? 3) How has this project influenced your thinking about the career and/or lifestyle? 4) Is this the life you want to grab hold of?

**Slide 12: Works Cited:** List in alphabetical order the sources you used in your research. Do NOT list URLs!

**Part II: RESEARCH LOG (400 pts)**

Prepare a Research Log using the template I provide. Record exactly what source you used for each item of information included in Part I. (You may need more than one page.) These instructions, the PowerPoint template and the research log will also be available on Blackboard and in our SLS1501 Research Guide on the LLRC site. The log should be typed.

**Due Date:** Submit both parts of your project to me by email (raym@palmbeachstate.edu) no later than 11:59pm on your class’s due date: **MW Class – Monday, November 19th; TR Classes – Tuesday, November 20th; Friday Class – November 30th.** Late submissions automatically lose 100 points. If you do not present your PowerPoint in class, you will lose those 100 points, also.