

Subject

Language Arts

Concept

Decision Making

Grade Level

9 - 10

National Career Guidelines

Competency IX

Skills to Make Decisions

Type of Activity

Individual with Whole Class Discussion

Related Occupations

Counselor

Future Life Role Decisions

This activity will help students understand the importance of future life role decisions. Students will express, in writing, a decision they will make in the future and how they are approaching the decision.

MATERIALS/SUPPLIES

Chalkboard, chalk, paper, pen/pencil

ACTIVITY

- Write on the chalkboard the following list of future life role decisions:

Getting a job

Quitting school

Going to college

Getting married

Buying a car

Moving to another state

Others

Have each student choose the most important item to him/her.

Have each student write an essay on the chosen item.

Have students include the following in their essays:

Why they chose the topic

The importance of that choice

What they think they must do to meet their expectations

How far they are from making the decision (time)

Allow the students to work on the essay overnight.

The second day can be used for class discussion on the nature of the assignment and its degree of difficulty.

Have students share their written essays with the class.

EVALUATION

Students should be evaluated on how well they express the decisions that will affect their futures, how they are approaching the decision, and the use of good writing skills in the completed essay.