

GREAT EXPECTATIONS PROJECT

THE MASTER PLAN FOR SUCCESS

Great expectations are good to have; everyone needs to hope and dream for the future. Realizing those dreams, however, takes a plan, hard work and a little bit of luck. Over the next couple of weeks, in conjunction with reading *Great Expectations*, we are going to take an in-depth look at how to help make expectations for the future become realities.

Your assignment is to create plan for yourself in which you detail what you can do for yourself to make your life successful, according to your own definition of that word.

Realize that things happen in life, even our best laid plans change due to circumstances beyond our control. Sometimes, like Pip, WE change and as we change, our goals and plans for achieving those goals change. What you are creating with this plan is NOT carved in stone; it is a plan that you will refine over the years to come.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Your plan should include a picture of yourself along with the following topics.

- Early Goals --When you were young, what did you want to be when you grew up? Did this change? How and why? This is a narrative essay, at least three paragraphs long.
- Goals --What is your definition of success? What do you want to achieve within your life? This should not be a list of what you want to achieve, it should be a NARRATIVE. (At least two paragraphs)
- Education --What education will you need to achieve your goals? How is your current education contributing to the your goals? How do your grades (current and future) affect your goals? (At least three paragraphs)
- Work --What will you do to support yourself or a family? What career do you want and why? (At least two paragraphs)
- Interview --You will contact someone who is currently employed in the career you want for yourself and interview him or her. You will include their name, place of business, date of interview, method of interview (in person, telephone, email, etc) along with a transcript of

the interview. This will not be a narrative, it will be the entire interview, complete with questions and answers.

- Considerations --What kind of things might keep you from following your plan? How can these things be overcome? What sort of back up plan do you have? (For example, if you want to be a singer, but nobody likes your voice, despite lessons and practice, what will you do?) At least three paragraphs.
- Conclusion --What can you do to insure your success? At least two paragraphs.

2. **Your plan must look professional.** Be creative, but don't be SILLY. Because this project is ongoing, you cannot wait until the last minute to do this. Your reports must be written in advance. Trust me on this one. When I give you class time to use the computers, you want to be able to use that time most effectively. Remember, the more professional your work looks, the better your chances for success are.

- If you type this assignment, use 12-point Times New Roman font and double-space.
- If you handwrite this assignment, use lined notebook paper, skip a line after each written line, only write on the first page, and use neat penmanship and print (not cursive).

3. **The information in your report must show that you have given the topics sincere thought.** Slapping something together last minute is not the point of this assignment. The point is to really think about and make plans for your future.

This project is worth 800 points. Each of the above sections is worth 100 points, totaling 700 points. Mechanics and creativity are factors, and worth a separate 100 points.

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