

Your World-of-Work Timeline

Grade: 10th, 11th, and 12th

Overview: Looking at how an occupation has evolved may help you in securing a job. For example, it is important for an aircraft designer to understand the history of flight, the different methods used to fly, why some methods worked and others didn't work, and the people who made a difference in modern aircraft design. If a person interviewing for a job as an aircraft designer didn't know who Orville Wright was, it might raise doubt as to whether or not this person would be a good choice for the job. But, if the person knew all about the history of flight, it would show the interviewer that this person was really excited and knowledgeable about their chosen field of work.

Step 1: Write down the career that interests you the most.

Step 2: Make a timeline showing the facts you discovered while addressing the areas below. Let's begin the investigation in the history of your career choice. List the following items on your timeline.

1. Discover the age, culture, and time period which showed the first evidence of this occupation.
 2. List the tools that were initially used to perform this job. Show the different tools used throughout the history of this occupation up to and including today.
 3. Name important people who have significantly influenced this occupation and list the year(s) their involvement affected the change. It may include the inventor of a tool, a politician who changed a law, a scientist whose discovery led to a new field, etc.
 4. Label the different points on your timeline where the education or training needed to achieve your career was different. The date does not need to be exact. For example, farming required no schooling for the first farmers. Then, an elementary education became recommended. Today, there are college majors specializing in agriculture and farming methods. If the education level has not changed, state this on your timeline and explain why there has not been a change.
 5. Show on your timeline where you believe another major change may occur and what you believe the change might be for your occupation. For example, farming may occur on the Moon or under the ocean.
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Step 3: Write a brief essay on what you found to be the most interesting thing you discovered, why it was the most interesting, and how the information you gained may help you in the future.