

# Increasing Your Human Capital

## Guess the career handout

**Directions:** Cut the following into individual “cards.” If possible, print on a thicker card stock and/or colored paper to make it hard to read through it from the other side.

**Teacher**

**Dentist**

**Plumber**

**Electrician**

**Welder**

**Architect**

**Landscaper**

**Bus Driver**

**Administrative  
professional**

**School  
Principal**

**Actor**

**Professional  
Pianist**

**Computer  
Programmer**

**Video Game  
Tester**

**Graphic  
Artist**

**Banker**

**Accountant**

**Veterinarian**

**Marine  
Biologist**

**Dog  
Trainer**

**Zoo  
Keeper**

**Engineer**

**Fashion  
Designer**

**Photographer**

**Writer**

**Mathematician**

**Software  
Developer**

**Sports  
Announcer**

**Professional  
Athlete**

**Coach**

**Musician**

**Dancer**

**Park  
Ranger**

**Farmer**

**Fisher**

**Rancher**

**Senator**

**Pilot**

**Police Officer**

**Firefighter**

**Carpenter**

**Roofer**

**Editor**

**Librarian**

**Makeup Artist**

<b>Lawyer</b>	<b>Fitness Trainer</b>	<b>Physical Therapist</b>
<b>School Counselor</b>	<b>Economist</b>	<b>Financial Advisor</b>
<b>Insurance Agent</b>	<b>Orthodontist</b>	<b>Pharmacist</b>
<b>Travel Guide</b>	<b>Umpire</b>	<b>Daycare Provider</b>

<b>Detective</b>	<b>Judge</b>	<b>Nurse</b>
<b>Commercial Driver</b>	<b>Locksmith</b>	<b>Barber or Hairdresser</b>
<b>Cosmetologist</b>	<b>Interior Designer</b>	<b>Real Estate Agent</b>
<b>Sales Representative</b>	<b>Archeologist</b>	<b>Astronomer</b>

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## Building human capital handout

Career: \_\_\_\_\_

List three **skills** a person in this career should have:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Describe three things someone in this career should **know**:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Rate how important you believe each of the following is for people in this career.







	1 Not important	2	3	4	5 Very important
Creativity					
Communication					
Critical thinking					
Collaboration					

How can someone who wants to pursue this career build their human capital through education or training?

What could a student who wants to enter this career start doing to prepare?

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## Opportunity cost scenarios handout

	1st roll = Choice A	2nd roll = Choice B
	Spend four years going to school for a bachelor's degree	Begin working straight out of school and start making money right away
	Take out a loan to help pay for college	Enter a trade school that provides job placement upon graduation
	Start your own company and be your own boss	Get several part-time jobs to see which one you like the most
	Choose a career that requires a 4-year college degree, plus a 2-year master's degree, plus a doctorate	Enlist in the armed forces where you can earn an education for free in exchange for military service
	Take classes at night at a community college and work during the day	Travel for a year or two exploring different areas
	Live at home for another year while working part-time and volunteering in the community	Take a certification test that proves to employers you have the skills they need



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## Post-assessment

**Section 1:** Please select the correct answer for each of the following questions.

1. Which of the following is the best definition of human capital?
  - a. The money a person spends to receive an education
  - b. What a person gives up when making a choice
  - c. Skills, knowledge, and habits a person uses to be a good worker.
  - d. The list of education requirements for a job
2. Which of the following are ways people can build their human capital?
  - a. Education
  - b. Training
  - c. Reading
  - d. Volunteering
  - e. All of the above.
3. The next best thing you give up when making a choice is called your \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Expected value
  - b. Human capital
  - c. Benefit analysis
  - d. Opportunity cost
4. You have three choices for lunch at school. You love pizza, so you pick that. You really like chicken tenders and almost select them. You heard the hamburgers were not very good, so you never even considered it. Which is your opportunity cost?
  - a. The amount you paid for the pizza
  - b. The chicken tenders you didn't choose
  - c. The hamburgers you didn't choose
  - d. All of the above

**Section 2:** Please choose the number on the scale that best indicates how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements:

	Strongly disagree				Strongly agree
I understand how people can build human capital.	1	2	3	4	5
I feel confident making decisions about my future career plans.	1	2	3	4	5
I am interested in learning more about planning for my future career.	1	2	3	4	5

**Section 3:** Circle your grade level.

K    1    2    3    4    5    6    7    8    9    10    11    12