

<u>Activities</u>	<u>Type of Skills Used in the Activities</u>					<u>Page</u>	
	Job Skills	Reading	Math	Writing	Research		Reasoning
Group 1: Tough Decisions							
Anne Benson	x	x		x		x	1
Nick Erickson	x	x		x		x	2
Charlene Watson	x	x		x		x	3
Jose Oquendo.....	x	x		x		x	4
Sharon Coleman	x	x		x		x	5
Richard Klies	x	x		x		x	6
Kim Woo.....	x	x		x		x	7
Gary Crenshaw.....	x	x		x		x	8
Group 2: You Decide							
Lights, Camera, Action	x	x		x		x	9-10
Straight From High School.....	x	x		x		x	11-12
Child Psychologist	x	x		x		x	13-14
Group 3: Unsure and Undecided							
Rachel Stewart	x	x		x		x	15
Paul Mesmer.....	x	x		x		x	16
Sarah Benton.....	x	x		x		x	17
Marco Ramirez.....	x	x		x		x	18
Group 4: In Their Own Words							
Tracy Jackson	x	x		x		x	19
Jaslin Singh	x	x		x		x	20
Mike Desmond	x	x		x		x	21
Leslie Renee Johnson.....	x	x		x		x	22
Benjamin Davis	x	x		x		x	23
Carol Reiss	x	x		x		x	24
Forest Hanford	x	x		x		x	25
Jaclyn Neese	x	x		x		x	26
Randall Wald	x	x		x		x	27
Group 5: Moving On							
Six Job Offers	x	x		x	x	x	28
Vital Statistics	x	x	x	x	x	x	29
Your Paycheck.....	x	x	x			x	30

Anne Benson is a senior in high school. She has a 2.5 GPA (out of 4.0). She is unusual in that she has two unique talents. She is an outstanding volleyball player and a very good actress.

During high school, she has starred in several school plays and was selected as a second team all-state volleyball player last year and this year.

She enjoys both acting and volleyball, but her real passion is acting. However, Western State University has offered her a full, four year volleyball scholarship. Here are the choices she is considering:

- 1) Take the volleyball scholarship at Western State.
- 2) Play volleyball at the local community college and then make a decision about transferring to a 4 year college later.
- 3) Forget volleyball. Study theater in college and concentrate on becoming a professional actor.
- 4) Forget college. Pack up and head for New York, Chicago, or Los Angeles and start working toward becoming a professional actor. No one who hires you for a part will care if you have a degree or not.
- 5) Forget both volleyball or becoming a professional actor. The chances of making a living doing either one is slim and none. Go to college and study for a real career related to her interests such as teaching theater or coaching volleyball.



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Which choice do you think Anne should make? #1 ___ #2 ___ #3 ___ #4 ___ #5 ___

What is good and/or bad about each?

(1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

(4) _____

(5) _____

Rachel Stewart has been out of high school for two years. Although she did fine in high school, she never liked school much and had no desire to go on to college. Since graduation she has held five different jobs including:

- Clerking in a clothing store
- Working in a nursing home
- Waitressing
- Clerking in a video store
- Telemarketing

She's a hard worker, but just hasn't discovered what she wants to be. She does feel that she's gained new skills from each job and believes she'll finally find out what she wants to do long term. Recently, Rachel saw the following ad in the newspaper:

Entry level position for hard working individual in the Children's Discovery Center of the Museum of Science and Industry. Send resumes to.....



She decided she would really like the job, but feels her work history will probably hurt her.

What do you think is good and bad about Rachel's career choices so far?

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How do you think she should present herself in her resume so she will be considered for the job?

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I'm an idiot because I didn't figure out what I was BORN to be until after my 21st birthday. Why does that make me a moron? Because, looking back at my life, I should have known!

When I was 13, I, my little brother and my two cousins decided to make a movie. We wrote out "The Mystery at Hotel Lemond" in which we all played characters. It was a huge affair with all of our characters getting murdered, ketchup blood and all.

In high school. I wrote constantly. Sometimes it was original stories. Sometimes it was fan fiction. I didn't "publish" anything online. I never submitted to contests. I very rarely let anyone else read my writings. I did it purely for my own enjoyment.

In early high school, I wanted nothing more than to be a musician, in a band. This led to actually FORMING a band with my best friend that actually managed to progress to playing covers of Christian rock songs in church occasionally. I even learned how to play a guitar...sort of.

In late high school my enthusiasm for music would not be swayed. Since I wasn't talented enough to perform, I was determined to go into the music BUSINESS, as a studio tech or some such. I chose my college based on these aspirations, and even spent three semesters in the program before I discovered how much I hated it.

My sophomore year of college, I started taking ballroom dance and toyed with the idea of going professional...till lessons became too expensive, and I quit.

Then I reached my junior year of college. I changed from music business to French mostly because I wanted to study abroad.

Tracy Jackson is a real person.

What he describes during and after high school led him toward the career he decided to pursue.

He finally became one of the following:

- (1) Movie Director
- (2) Writer
- (3) Dancer
- (4) Translator



Read what he had to say and then finish his story.

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