

Accounting Careers WebQuest

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Overview

- This WebQuest is an exploration of accounting careers.
- Accounting I/II - Grade level 9-12
- This quest requires a computer with internet access for each student.

Introduction

Many of you in this class may be interested in accounting or business careers. Accounting skills are very versatile. They will allow you to work in many fields all over the country and all over the world. This WebQuest will help you discover career possibilities, at all levels, open to you should you choose to pursue accounting.



Say goodbye to the days of green visors and ledger books and hello to your ticket to the future.

Quest(ions) and the Task

Accounting Careers to investigate:

1. Accountant
2. Auditor
3. Tax Preparer
4. Bookkeeper
5. Financial Analyst
6. Personal Financial Advisor
7. Chief Executive
8. Payroll Specialist
9. Credit Analyst
10. Financial Examiner
11. Financial Manager
12. Tax examiner/Collector/Revenue Agent

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Each of you will become the class expert on your assigned accounting career. Be thorough and complete in your research as you will be responsible for your classmate's knowledge of your assigned career as well. Please answer the following questions for each career listed. Different states have different regulations and different wage bases. For this quest, please use standards for the State of Oregon. Students may work together to compare ideas, share information and share resources.

1. Describe the knowledge, skills and abilities required for this career.
2. What education/background/license do you need to qualify for this job?
3. What are the tasks and activities performed in this career?
4. What tools and technology are used in the career? Please describe.
5. What is the salary range for this position?
6. List the resources you used to research this career.
7. Find 3 advertisements / job listings for the position.

Process

1. Research questions for each career.
2. Compile and summarize data: Data will be used to prepare presentations, personal career analysis and reflections and inform classmates about your assigned career. Remember, you are the class expert on this career so you will need to know all the details. For your classmates, summarize your data in the Careers Summary Worksheet.

Internet Resources

Then following websites are highly recommended for researching accounting careers. You may use your own sources as well. Please be sure to document all sites you use for information. I recommend government sites (.gov), educational institutions sites (.edu) and accounting professional organizations sites for the most reliable information.

<http://www.acinet.org>

<http://jobs.irs.gov/careers.html>

<http://www.oregonlive.com/jobs/>

<http://www.careers-in-accounting.com>

http://www.orcpa.org/acct_career.html

<http://portland.employmentguide.com/>