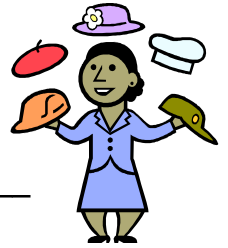


# "I" Search Computer Lab instructions and Research Study Guide



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Follow directions these directions for Career Cruising and Career Voyages and answer the research guide questions as you explore the websites. You are collecting information for your "I" Search Research paper. Print or save to your Gaucho account any information you will use for your paper.

## Part I: Career Cruising

### On Career Cruising you will:

- Create a Portfolio to store what you like
- Complete the Interest Inventory of 116 questions
- Get a list of careers that match your interests
- Explore careers
- Pick three careers you like
- Create a Resume
- Complete simple Research Guide

### Log onto [www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com)

Log on Username: casagrande  
Log on Password: petaluma

1. Go to **Portfolio** then
  - Create a **New Portfolio**
  - Enter your personal information.
  - Portfolio Username: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Portfolio Password: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Click the grey **Create Portfolio** button
2. Go to **Matchmaker**
  - Enter your first and last name in the empty fields
  - Click **Start A New Career Matchmaker Session** button
  - Answer the 116 questions
  - Look at the list of **Career Suggestions** on the left that match your interests
  - Save this list to your Portfolio

After completing **Matchmaker**, pick three job titles that interest you most:

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Explore the **Career Suggestions**.

- Click on one career. Look under the tabs along the left side and read about the career. If you like this job, save it to your portfolio.
- Read about all the careers that interest you from this list. The jobs at the top of the list most closely match your likes and dislikes.
- Play with this list. Reorder the list by the **Type of Education** tab. As you change level of education you want, the list will be reordered.

4. Pick your favorite career from the **Career Suggestions** list. Then answer these questions.

- Favorite Career: \_\_\_\_\_
- Read the **Job Description**. What do these people do? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Why are you interested in this career? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Earnings:** What is the beginning salary for this career? \_\_\_\_\_

- What is the top salary for this career? \_\_\_\_\_
- What is the outlook (growth) for this career? Circle one  
Increasing (more jobs)      Decreasing (less jobs)

**Education:** What education or training is needed for this career? \_\_\_\_\_

- What are the related college programs? \_\_\_\_\_
- What are some high school courses you should take for this career? \_\_\_\_\_
- What are other skills or interests you need for this job? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Related Careers:** List 3 \_\_\_\_\_

- Read about some of the related careers. Are you interested in any of these?

5. Based on the information you have just read about your favorite career, has your interest  
increased                      decreased                      stayed the same

Why? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. Explore careers and schools by using the lavender menu bar across the top:
  - Search by **Careers** tab. Save all jobs you like to your portfolio.
  - Search by **Schools** tab. Save any schools you like to your portfolio.
  
7. Return to **Matchmaker** and go to **My Skills**.
  - Click on **Complete My Skills** and complete the 45 skill questions.
  - Do your skills align with the careers that are on your career list?      Yes      No
  - Save skills to your portfolio
  
8. Open your **Portfolio**
  - Use the blue tabs on the left to see what you have saved to your portfolio
  - Click the **Resume Builder** tab
  - Click on each blue tab on the left and answer the questions to build your resume
  - Choose one of the three format styles for your resume
  - Preview and print your resume

## Part II: Career Voyages

Log onto <http://www.careervoyages.gov>

### On Career Voyages you will:

Choose a general Career Category based on your interest  
Explore In-Demand Careers in your career interest  
Sort job lists by job title, wage, education needed, job growth  
Watch 3 career videos of your choice  
Explore the Top 50 Occupations  
Use Career Compass to look at wages in 3 careers that match your interest

1. Look at the blue tabs on the left. These are **general career categories**. What 3 are interesting to you? \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. Explore the category you think you might like best.
  - Click on the blue **Industry Overview** tab and read the information.
  - Click on sub category tab to the right of the photo and read the information.
  - Click on the **Education and Training** buttons to read about different levels of education for this career category. Notice how the amount of education changes the type of job you can have in this career field.

3. What is your favorite career category? \_\_\_\_\_

Click on the blue **In-Demand Occupations** button.

What are two **In-Demand** jobs for this category? \_\_\_\_\_

- Sort by **Hourly Wage**. Which job pays highest? \_\_\_\_\_ Lowest? \_\_\_\_\_
- Sort by **Projected Growth**. Which job/s will have the greatest growth (most openings)?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Sort by **College Degree**. Which requires the most college? \_\_\_\_\_  
The least amount of college? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Click on the red **Career Videos** tab on the left of the home page

Watch at least 3 job videos of your choice. Which three videos did you watch?

\_\_\_\_\_

5. Click on the white **Top 50 Occupations** tab on the left of the home page

- Sort by **Occupational Title**
- Sort by **Hourly Wage**
- What Top 50 Occupations are you interested in?

\_\_\_\_\_

6. Click on red **Career Compass** tab on the left of the home page

- Pick 3 of the 6 Work Interest Areas. Which 3 interests did you pick?

\_\_\_\_\_

- This list of jobs is based on the three interest areas you just picked. Explore any jobs that you like. Which jobs do you like from this list?

\_\_\_\_\_

- Is this list of careers similar to your Career Cruising list?      Yes      No

### Part III: Values

- Complete the **Values Worksheet**. This worksheet is located under the “I” **Search** tab on thebighouse website.
- What are some of the values you chose? \_\_\_\_\_
- Do your top values from the worksheet fit with the careers you have chosen from Career Cruising and Career Voyages websites?      Yes      No

