

# Pathways and Paychecks

Connect career preparation, changing work, and responsible money choices.

**CE.14** "The student will apply history and social science skills to explain career opportunities and understand the fundamentals of personal finance by identifying the talents, interests, and aspirations that can influence career choice..."

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## 1 READ AND MARK \_\_\_\_\_ Read it twice

**YOUR JOB** Underline information that could help a person choose or prepare for a career, and circle the three financial responsibility actions.

### Planning for Work and Life

- ① Jordan enjoys repairing bicycles and explaining how gears work. These interests, along with patience and careful measuring, point toward several careers, such as bicycle technician, mechanical engineer, or science teacher. A career choice also involves aspirations, or hopes for the future. Jordan wants work that solves practical problems and helps people travel safely. No single interest chooses a job, but knowing personal talents and goals helps a person investigate careers that fit them personally.
- ② Employers seek human capital, the knowledge, skills, health, and work habits people bring to work. Education and training can build this capital, but so can dependable behaviors: arriving prepared, cooperating, meeting deadlines, and learning from feedback. Equal access to strong schools, training programs, and needed supports gives more people a fair chance to develop these abilities. Education also supports intellectual life by teaching people to question, create, and keep learning as personal goals and jobs change.
- ③ Technology can create jobs, change tasks, or reduce demand for some work. For example, a store may need workers who manage online orders and analyze inventory, while automated checkout changes cashier duties. Globalization connects local businesses with customers and workers in other countries, increasing competition and creating export or communication jobs. Career research should include public-sector jobs, such as park ranger, and private-sector jobs, such as store manager, plus their education pathways. Financial responsibility matters too: compare credit costs, save for goals, and learn how investments can grow but also lose value.

**2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE** \_\_\_\_\_ Use the passage

**1** Which three careers could fit Jordan, and what personal factors help guide these choices?

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**2** Explain how education, dependable work behaviors, and equal access to training can affect a person's career opportunities.

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**3** How can technology change store jobs? How can globalization change career opportunities?

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**4** What does the passage recommend about credit, savings, and investments?

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**3 YOUR TURN** \_\_\_\_\_ Your own words

Choose one career you want to investigate, in either the public or private sector. Complete the three-row plan: identify your fit, describe a pathway and work habits, then explain one change in the work and one responsible money action.

| PLAN FOCUS | MY CAREER PLAN |
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**PART 1 • READ AND MARK**

Underline information that could help a person choose or prepare for a career, and circle the three financial responsibility actions. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

**PART 2 • ANSWERS**

| # | QUESTION                                                                                                                   | ANSWER                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| 1 | Which three careers could fit Jordan, and what personal factors help guide these choices?                                  | <b>Bicycle technician, mechanical engineer, and science teacher could fit Jordan. Jordan's interests, patience, careful measuring, and goal of helping people travel safely guide the choices.</b>                                          |
| 2 | Explain how education, dependable work behaviors, and equal access to training can affect a person's career opportunities. | <b>Education and training build human capital. Behaviors such as arriving prepared, cooperating, meeting deadlines, and learning from feedback strengthen it. Equal access gives more people a fair chance to develop needed abilities.</b> |
| 3 | How can technology change store jobs? How can globalization change career opportunities?                                   | <b>Technology can create tasks such as managing online orders and analyzing inventory, while changing cashier duties through automated checkout. Globalization can increase competition and create export or communication jobs.</b>        |
| 4 | What does the passage recommend about credit, savings, and investments?                                                    | <b>Compare the costs of credit, save for goals, and understand that investments can grow but can also lose value.</b>                                                                                                                       |

**PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)**

| PLAN FOCUS             | MY CAREER PLAN                                                                                                                  |
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| Career and fit         | Park ranger, public sector. I enjoy hiking, science, and helping visitors.                                                      |
| Pathway and work ethic | I would study environmental science and complete ranger training. I would practice being prepared, dependable, and cooperative. |
| Change and money       | Digital trail maps may require technology skills. I would save for training costs and compare credit costs before borrowing.    |

Accept equivalent descriptions that accurately connect interests, human capital, education or training, changing work, and financial responsibility. For the open response, accept any realistic career and sector if all three required plan elements are included.