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Someone once said, "Many people quit looking for work when they find a career." This is a great thing to consider when starting the search for a possible career. But how do you do that? Take a guess at what you like? Ask a friend what they think would you would be good at? These may seem like options but should someone else's opinion or a lucky guess be used to guide you into something that you do forty hours a week, sometimes more? What would be more effective would be to use a tool to help not only figure out what you'd be good at as well as what is something you would enjoy, that matches your personality and that tool is called the Holland Code. The Holland code is a tool that measures all the things that are needed to help you find a career that would meet all your needs and leave you feeling happy. Based on the Holland Code, I should seek out jobs that allow me to interact with and help people as well as use my creativity and organizational skills. Based on my Holland Code and personal interests, the three jobs that I would most like to pursue are English teacher, guidance counselor, and Editor.

The first job that I found most interesting was that of an English teacher. According to Naviance, some of the skills, abilities, and knowledge an English teacher must have is..... Some of the daily tasks and activities an English teacher does are... Finally, in order to be an English teacher you must have ... degree with ... classes. The average salary is ... and according to the

Occupational Outlook Handbook, the job outlook is ... There are many things to consider being and English teacher and these pieces of information are quite helpful.

The next job that seemed to be a good fit for me is Guidance Counselor. While many people think counselors just sit and talk to kids about their problems each day that is not true. A counselor... The job of counselor is quite diverse and offers a job where two days are rarely the same.

A job that interests me that has nothing to do with the education field is Editor. This job is quite different than teacher or counselor.....

The world of work offers millions of opportunities and the jobs of English teacher, Guidance Counselor, and Editor are just three that interest me. Through study of these job descriptions, investigating my Holland Code, and speaking to some professionals in these fields, I realize that any one of these jobs would be perfect for me. They match my interests, my skills, my abilities, and are jobs that would really make me happy. Through teaching others, helping others, and trying to make other's lives better, I know that I would be content and happy going to work each morning. I want to grow up and not just work a random job, but have a career that I love and I think any one of these jobs would bring me that happiness.