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Week 5 Lecture Assignment

**Course Questions**

Throughout this class I have learned more about my future career goals; I learned to look at a career in a more holistic sense than I had at the beginning of the quarter. At the beginning of the quarter, I had a good idea of what fields I wanted to work in. For the most part, that has not changed. I am still interested in the same fields, and I want to spend the near future (while I’m still in college) trying different parts of these fields to gain more insight as to what I like. While doing the Personality, Values, Skills and Interests Matrix, I looked deeper into what I wanted out of a career. Before I only had the Interests section. Doing the personality and Values sections helped me to be more cognizant of things beyond just the project I am working on. I focused more on Intrinsic and Lifestyle values, something that I felt that I had neglected beforehand. This activity has inspired me to look for career opportunities that match these values.

**Goal Questions:**

For my short term goals, let’s go one by one. My first goal for this course was to gain experience with professional writing. I think that I have successfully completed that goal, as I gained experience through the resume, personal narrative, and the presentation. In all of these assignments, I wrote about things related to my field, and I found that really meaningful. My next goal was to contribute meaningfully to my research. I think that I did make a meaningful contribution, but not as big a one as I would have hoped. I think that I could have devoted more time towards research and perhaps been more efficient with my time working. In my vision of what I would get done, I underestimated how difficult and time taking research can be. However, I think that it is on a good path as we found a conference to submit to and I am optimistic about the future of the project. My last goal was to apply to internships – while I have not done much of that, I have a strong resume that I can use to apply. I will be working on that in the 2 weeks that I have before fall quarter starts.