Research Essay Outline

1. **Introduction and Thesis statement**
   1. Even though Financial Analyst may not be my desired career once I see how the day to day is like, the research reveals my eligibility for becoming a Financial Analyst because it fits my desired working conditions, my learning style and personality, and my knowledge of mathematics.
2. **Background information about the career**
   1. Specifications and responsibilities
      1. Provide guidance to businesses and individuals making investment decisions.
      2. Assess the performance of stocks, bonds, and other types of investments.
   2. Work conditions
      1. Work in offices
      2. Work full time
      3. More than 40 hours per week
   3. Benefits and drawback
      1. Pro- steep learning curve, rapid growth, compensation is higher than peers, can become CFO
      2. Con- stress, long hours, travel, monotonous tasks
   4. Expected Salary
      1. Median Pay: $81,760, $39.31 per hour
3. **Why did you choose this Career**
   1. How does it fit with your learning style and personality
      1. My biggest learning styles are social and visual, and this career has a lot of PowerPoints and graphs to help peers visually see the statistics of a company and also there is people around me to help and ask questions which matches with my social learning style.
      2. I am very observant and can give my full attention to whatever I work on, I can retain information and accurately reproduce it when needed.
   2. Why are you interested in this career
      1. I like working with money and managing it
      2. I like to dress up in suits for work
      3. I like to make good money
      4. I like the idea of investing and how to reduce the risk associated with it
   3. What are your strengths that will contribute to your success
      1. My strengths relevant to this career are that I am practical and realistic with good common sense, good knowledge of details important to people, flexibility and willingness to take calculated risks, and a strong sense of loyalty to my ideals and organization.
   4. What potential weaknesses might hold you back
      1. I lack assertiveness
      2. Take criticism badly
      3. Difficulty juggling multiple complex ideas at once
4. **Next steps**
   1. What are the required degrees, certifications, and/or experience for this career
      1. Bachelor’s degree in Finance or Business
      2. Chartered Financial Analyst(CFA) certification
      3. Experiences include: internships, junior analyst positions, or company training programs
   2. What are your plans to ear these credentials
      1. I plan on getting my Bachelor’s degree in either Business or Finance
      2. I plan on taking the CFA certification when I have practiced and eligible.
   3. What are your plans to gain experience
      1. I plan on interning at Hess Corporation this summer with the Finance Department
   4. What can you do now to prepare to take these steps
      1. I can start by applying for internships
      2. Get good grades in school and transfer to a big four year university to get my degree
      3. Start taking the practice CFA certification
5. **Conclusion**
   1. Why do you think this position is a good fit for you
      1. I enjoy working with money
      2. It fits my personality and learning style
      3. I want to make a lot of money
      4. I want to wear a suit to work
      5. I want to work in downtown
      6. I want to make connections with people to further climb in my career field