

Writing situation:

The Chinese philosopher Confucius said, “Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life.” Almost everyone would like to get paid for doing something that they love. However, job satisfaction is just one of many factors to consider when choosing a career path. For example, how much money do you need or want to make? Is the respect of others very important to you? How much stress are you willing to have in your life?

Read the chart below to gain some insight into four different types of jobs.

Four Different Types of Jobs

Type of Job	Examples	Post-secondary education required?	Pros	Cons
Member of the Armed Forces	Soldiers, Officers	Only for officers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity to travel • Good benefits • Sense of pride from serving one's country • Retirement possible after 20 years of service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working conditions may be dangerous or hazardous. • Many rules may result in less personal freedom than non-military workers have.
Professional	Teacher, Lawyer, Businessperson, Nurse, Engineer	Yes. Many jobs also require an additional advanced degree.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In general, this type of work is often well-compensated and respected. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some jobs may require expensive degrees that take years to earn. • Some jobs may be extremely stressful and take most of a person's time.
Skilled laborer	Carpenter, Plumber	Depending on the certification level needed, some post-secondary education is required.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skilled laborers can earn a high salary and may be able to work for themselves. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent skills needed • Work is often physically hard.
Artist/ Performer	Athlete/ Filmmaker	Often post-secondary degrees are pursued and attained, although opportunities are present to work in these jobs without post-secondary education.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work often involves some sort of performance and public viewings • Excitement of working with other talented people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent skills needed • Work is often physically hard. • Wages may not be regular—often paid as products are created.

Writing directions:

Decide which type of job is most appealing to you. Write an explanation for your school newspaper about your chosen career for the future. Support your choice logically and effectively.