



HENRY FORD ACADEMY: POWER HOUSE HIGH

SENIOR PRACTICUM

PART II GUIDELINES

Part II Paper Guidelines

Your Part II paper must focus on what you did at your practicum. Remember to provide specific facts and details in support of your answers. You may change the order of these questions to best suit your individual needs. This paper must be a minimum of five (5) pages in length and it must include at least two (2) excerpts from your journal kept during practicum.

1. Begin your paper by first stating exactly where you did your practicum (name of business and its location) and the name of your Adult Partner.
2. Then describe your work schedule. Consider the following questions: How was your schedule determined and what was it? How often did you go to your practicum? Daily? Weekends? How many hours did you spend there each time you went?
3. Next describe your initial impressions of the work site. You probably imagined what the environment would be like and how things would work before you went there. Was it like what you expected? Review your reflective journal from the first week of practicum to refresh your memory. Refer to at least one observation you made in your reflective journal during this time period in your paper.
4. You may do either of the following based on what was most fitting for your particular experience:

Describe in detail your major responsibilities during your entire practicum. Did you work on a specific project throughout your placement? If so, what was it? Who decided on this? Review your reflective journal entries to refresh your memory. Refer to at least one observation you made in your reflective journal in your paper.

OR

Describe in detail a typical day at your practicum (Be sure to include specific details.) What exactly did you do while you were there? Review your reflective journal to refresh your memory. Refer to at least one observation you made in your reflective journal during a typical day at your practicum.

5. You also conducted at least one interview while at your practicum (most likely with your Adult Partner) and made an audio or video recording of this. Describe this process from beginning to end. How did you prepare for this? Did you write down questions in advance? Where did the interview take place? How long did it last? Were you surprised by any of your Adult Partner's answers?
6. Finally, conclude your paper by reflecting on your entire experience thus far – Junior Workshop to Practicum. What did you learn about yourself at practicum? Did this match up with what you learned about yourself in Junior Workshop?

SENIOR PRACTICUM: PART II PAPER OUTLINE

Be sure to include three (3) journal entries from your experience: Number your entries from 1-3. Use a highlighter to highlight your journal entries. Each journal should be no more than 3-4 sentences.

Background Information

Adult Partner name and organization
How you found your placement
Who you reported to and where
Your career pathway

First Impressions

What did you think your work environment would be?
What did your work environment turn out to be?
Were you a part of a team?
What was your general first impression of your practicum placement?
What was your schedule like?

Daily Activities

What did you do at your practicum on a daily basis?
Who did you work with from day to day?
Were there any major projects in which you participated? What were they?

Research Question and Product Idea

What is your research question? State it as approved by your Senior Workshop teacher.
What is your product idea? State it as approved by your Senior Workshop teacher.
How did you come up with this idea?

Interview

Summarize your interview with your Adult Partner. Key points from your interview, no more than 5 sentences.
What did you learn from your interview with your Adult Partner?

Junior Workshop

How did you find your career in Junior Workshop?
What did you find out about yourself during Junior Workshop?
Elaborate on the Junior Workshop experience (Career Cruising, portfolio).

Outlook to the Future

Do you plan on going into this career field? Why or why not?
Do you have to go to college to get into this field?
Have you selected any colleges to go to?
What do you plan on doing in the future after Power House High?