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LOOKING AT THE BIG PICTURE: INVESTIGATING PROFESSIONAL GOALS

1. THINK ABOUT A TYPE OF WORK THAT INTERESTS YOU, IN WHICH YOU CAN SEE YOURSELF INVOLVED AT SOME POINT IN THE FUTURE.

2. AFTER SOME INVESTIGATION (AT SCHOOL, IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD, IN YOUR FAMILY, ETC.), FIND SOMEONE WHO PARTICIPATES IN THIS AREA OF WORK AND INTERVIEW THEM, ASKING THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS. (FEEL FREE TO ADD TO THESE QUESTIONS IF TIME ALLOWS.)

- WHAT KINDS OF THINGS ARE YOU TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH IN YOUR WORK RIGHT NOW?
- WHAT ARE YOU HOPING WILL BE THE GREATER IMPACT OF THE WORK YOU ARE DOING CURRENTLY?
- IS THERE AN OVERARCHING GOAL THAT GIVES MEANING TO WHAT YOU DO?
- WHAT DIRECTION DO YOU SEE FOR THE FUTURE OF YOUR OWN CAREER?
- HOW WILL YOU KNOW WHEN YOU HAVE “MADE IT”?
- WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE PRIMARY GOAL OF YOUR WORK?

3. WRITE UP A SUMMARY OF THE INTERVIEW AND YOUR RESPONSES TO THE FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS,

SHARE IT WITH THE CLASS.
