Throughout the semester you will be participating in an online budgeting simulation but you will also be completing this “What’s Next” Project that focuses on seem key elements of personal finance as you venture in to the real world. The more realistic you are with this project, the more useful it will be to you. Please complete this first assignment while I am out today and bring it back completed on Friday.

Try to picture your life when you are 30 years old. For the purposes of this project, we will be completing a series of activities about what you see your life looking like at this age. It is just a hypothesis, it doesn’t commit you to anything but it gives us something to work off for the entire semester. I strongly suggest using the following website to find the information about your career: [www.bls.gov/oco](http://www.bls.gov/oco). However, you could also do a Google search about your career and get similar information. Either way, you need to site your sources for many of these questions in order to earn credit for completing them. This is due when you come to our next class meeting!

### Career

1. **What would you like to be doing for a living?**

2. **Why did you choose that career? What strengths do you bring to this career?**

3. **How much money will you be making a year** (don’t give me a range, I need an actual number; if you don’t have a yearly salary, calculate the hourly wage x 40 hours per week x 50 weeks a year)?

   *Source: ____________________________*

4. **What other "perks/benefits" come with this career?** (What type of insurance, vacation time, retirement plans and other benefits are available for your career?)

5. **What type of training will you need for this job?** *Source: ____________________________*

6. **What is your plan to get that training?** (Be specific! After you graduate in May, how will you get yourself to that career by the time you're 30. If you plan to go to college or a trade school, be specific about where and why.)
7. What will you be doing on a day-to-day basis in this career?

Source: __________________________

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**Family**

8. Would you like to be married or single? ________________________________

9. Would you like to have children in the future? _____ If so, how many? _____

10. What are your reasons for wanting or not wanting children?

11. If you have children, do you think both you and your spouse will be working? Why or why not? If so, who will be taking care of your children?

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**Home Life**

13. Where do you want to live (be specific with the city and state or city and country)?

14. Why did you choose this location?

15. Do you want to be in an apartment, condo or house?

16. What kind of car would you like to be driving? *Think about your work and family situation.*