Using Connexions in Different Careers

Post-Secondary Level

Objectives

This Activity is intended to:
- Familiarize students with the Connexions website.
- Get students thinking critically about their future career paths.

Materials

Before beginning the activity have these supplies:
- Computer lab

Procedures

1. Begin by introducing students to the Connexions website.
   - Explain how Connexions is an educational resource for both teachers and students.
   - Connexions has resources for general reports and topics however, also has lesson plans to help teachers incorporate new ideas.
   - Have the students create Connexions accounts.
   - After they have created their accounts, allow the students time to explore Connexions.

2. After students have had time to explore Connexions, begin introducing their project.
   - Have them write a research paper, using Connexions as their main source of information.
   - Their paper topics should have something to do with their future career path or their general area of study.
   - Encourage them to think outside the box when picking a paper topic.
   - Discourage them from writing a generic paper about their major; have them try to find a hot topic in their field.
   - The papers should be at least three pages in length.

3. After they have completed their papers, have them write reflection describing their experience with Connexions.
   - They should include if they would suggest Connexions to other students.
   - The paper should also include things they liked and disliked about the website.
   - Students should also include any suggestions on how to improve Connexions.
   - The final point should speak about whether they think Connexions would be useful in their future field.
   - The reflection should be at least one page long.

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1 The Connexions website can be found at [http://cnx.org/](http://cnx.org/)