**My First College List Lesson Plan**

**Learning Goal:**

1. Students will create a list of colleges that they would like to attend based on career goals, academic goals, and lifestyle preferences.

**Supplies:** My First College List Worksheet, access to the internet, pencil or pen

**Introduction (10 minutes)**

* Have the following questions posted.

1. What does college mean to you?

2. What happens at college?

3. Why do we encourage students to go to college?

4. Is college near home or far away?

5. How long do you stay at college?

* + Give students time to respond to the questions by writing their answers on a slip of paper, or in a class notebook.
  + Have students discuss their replies with a partner or small group.
  + Lead a class discussion based on student answers.

**College Exploration (30 minutes or more)**

Students will work in pairs or small groups to explore three or more different institutions of higher education in Washington State.

1. Pass out College Exploration worksheets
2. Use the following website: <https://wsac.wa.gov/colleges-and-institutions-washington>
3. Students will choose one of each of the following to research:
   1. Public University **(Public Baccalaureates- name used on website)**
   2. Private University **(Independent Colleges- name used the on website)**
   3. Community College **(Public CTC- name used on the website)**

**Presentations (15 or more minutes)**

1. Have each pair or group choose one of the schools that they researched and have them present to the class.

\*While students are presenting they could project the website of the college that they are talking about.

2. After the presentations have students reflect on their college preferences by filling out the “My College Preferences” chart.

**Variation: Have students fill out the “My College Preferences” sheet before and after the lesson/their research and see if their opinions regarding college changed after the research and presentations.**

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**My First College List**

**Think of the following questions and write a response below. Be prepared to share with a partner and your class.**

1. **What does college mean to you?**
2. **What happens at college?**
3. **Why do we encourage students to go to college?**
4. **Is college near home or far away?**
5. **How long do you stay at college?**



**Directions:**

1. **Go to the following website:** [**https://wsac.wa.gov/colleges-and-institutions-washington**](https://wsac.wa.gov/colleges-and-institutions-washington)
2. **Choose one college from each of the following categories** 
   1. **Public Baccalaureates (Public Universities)**
   2. **Independent Colleges (Private Universities)**
   3. **Public CTC (Community and Technical Colleges)**
3. **Fill out the worksheet with the information that is specific to the college you are researching.**

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**Public Baccalaureate (Public University)**

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| **Question** | **Your Answer** |
| **What is the name of the college?** |  |
| **Is the college a two-year or a four-year college?** |  |
| **Is it rural, suburban, or urban?** |  |
| **Is it in Washington or out of state?** |  |
| **How many undergraduate students are there?** |  |
| **What are some majors that are offered?** |  |
| **How much does it cost to attend?** |  |
| **Is it difficult or easy to get it?**  **(Note: A high GPA, higher test scores, and lower acceptance rate mean a school is more difficult to get into.)** |  |
| **Anything else that you found interesting?** |  |

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**Independent Colleges (Private Universities)**

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| **Question** | **Your Answer** |
| **What is the name of the college?** |  |
| **Is the college a two-year or a four-year college?** |  |
| **Is it rural, suburban, or urban?** |  |
| **Is it in Washington or out of state?** |  |
| **How many undergraduate students are there?** |  |
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**Public CTC (Community or Technical College)**

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| **Question** | **Your Answer** |
| **What is the name of the college?** |  |
| **Is the college a two-year or a four-year college?** |  |
| **Is it rural, suburban, or urban?** |  |
| **Is it in Washington or out of state?** |  |
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**Your Choice**

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**My College Preferences**

**Complete the following chart individually.**

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|  | **Statements** |
| |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  | | **Check One:**  I am interested in attending a two-year college.  I am interested in attending a four-year college.  I am interested in both. |
| |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  | |  | | **Check one or more:**  I want to go to college in Washington.  I want to go to college out of Washington.  I want to go to college near my home.  I want to go to college away from home, but still in Washington. |
| |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  | |  | | **Check one or more:**  I want to go to school in an urban area.  I want to go to school in a suburban area.  I want to go to school in a rural area.  I am not sure. |
| |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  | |  | | **Check one or more:**  I want to go to a college with a large student population. (more than 15,000 students)  I want to go to a college with a medium student population. (5,000-15,000 students)  I want to go to a college with a small student population. (up to 5,000 students)  I am not sure. |
| |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | |  | | **Check one:**  I have a program/major(s) in mind that I might want to study.  List the program/major(s):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  I am not sure what I want to study. |