

My Future Alma Mater: College Research: Student Worksheet

Goal: You will conduct guided research of a college of your choice in order to create an informational poster to share your findings with your classmates.

Part I: Introduction – Bell Work

- Sign in to **CaliforniaColleges.edu**.
- Go to **My Plan** at the top of the page, hover on the text, then select **My College Plan**. Review your **College List**. You should have colleges there if you have done college exploration on CaliforniaColleges.edu.
- If you do not have any colleges on your list and/or your teacher instructs you to do so, continue your exploration by using the **College Search Tool**. Go to **College** at the top of the page, hover on the text, then select **College Search Tool**.
- Use any one of the filters to find more colleges. You can sort your list by using the “Sort By” menu on the far right.
- Select one college from your list to research more deeply and click on the ♥ to save it to **My Plan**. You should choose a college you do not already know well.

Now,

- Confirm your college choice for your research project with your teacher to receive their approval.

Part II: Activity

1. Begin researching your college. Answer all questions on the worksheet found on the next page called *College Research: Information Gathering*. Begin by reviewing the college factsheet on **CaliforniaColleges.edu**. Go to your **My College Plan** and click on the name of your selected college to view the factsheet.
2. You will need to go to the college’s website to answer some of the questions. When you get to the college’s website, the quickest route to find the information you need is to use the search box.
3. When you write out your findings, summarize using your own words.
4. Begin construction of your poster. Guidelines for your poster:
 - Create a poster that displays your school using the information you discovered in your research. Be sure to summarize your findings and write legibly on the poster.
 - Your poster should include illustrations of the following: the college logo, seal, and/or mascot. Your poster should highlight your chosen school’s official colors.

College Research Project: Information Gathering

Question	Answer and Reflection
What is the name of the college?	
In what year was it founded?	
Where is it located?	
What is the total student population?	
How much does it cost to attend the college? Distinguish between tuition/fees and room/board and other living expenses.	
What is the mascot? What are the official colors?	
What is the college's Mission Statement?	
What are the student housing options?	
What are the most popular majors and academic programs?	
What activities can you participate in at the college?	
What did you learn about the college's traditions?	

Part III: Reflect

- Go to **My Journal**, and in the **College Journal** section find **prompt #11**:
“What was the most interesting thing you learned about your college? Are you still interested in attending this college? What makes this college a good or bad choice for you?”
- Respond to the above prompt. Follow your teacher’s instructions if they assign a different prompt.