**Student Guide: Is Your Next Job A Text or Tweet Away?**

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A Lesson in:

* Choosing A Job
* Costs and Benefits
* Future Benefits of Education
* Labor Changes

**Your Thoughts Before Reading:**

1. What kinds of jobs interest you?

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1. What do you excel in that you may be able to help someone with?

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1. Have you heard of the concept: “pay per job?” What kind of jobs work this way?

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1. As of 2016, around twenty to thirty percent of the working age population has earned money outside of a typical salaried or hourly pay job. Why do you think this statistic has increased so much over the years?

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1. The job industry is thriving with entrepreneurial growth. Uber, Lyft, AirBnB, DoorDash and Postmates are just some of the opportunities that allow individuals to earn money around their own schedules, rather than that of their employer. When individuals earn wages on a “individual contract basis,” what does the worker need to take into account?

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**During the Reading with Newspaper in Education:**

1. Read the article, “**Working in the Gig Economy and Beyond”** from the *Tampa Bay Times*, consider and report on the following:

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| **Consider:** | How has technology changed the job market? | Are technological changes helping or hurting the job market? |
| **Report:** |  |  |

**After the Reading:**

1. As a student looking for a part time job, free-lance work or gigging may be great opportunities. Look at sample resumes to get an idea on how to build a resume as a student. Create a resume of your work experience, leadership and current responsibilities that show your marketability for an independent contract job.
2. Investigate your earning with a gig job and compare to a local fast-food restaurant’s hourly wage. What can you find out?

***Extension:*** Act as employer and write an ad for a job in a “gig economy.” Make sure to identify both the job qualifications and the personal qualities you need in your employee.