

Investing in Myself

Financial Literacy



RESPOND to the insight that creativity helps everyone meet their full potential. Everybody is creative in unique ways that could include how they solve problems, interact with others, and participate in the arts—when they draw, dance, sing, cook, and create stories. When you identify your creative strengths and interests it helps to plan how you will deepen your investment in yourself to expand skills and knowledge.



CONNECT your strengths and interests with long-term goals. What do you want to accomplish and how do you want people to think of you? Consider what careers you may want to pursue. Your goals should include those professional aspirations and more. Think of the legacy or reputation you imagine, lifestyle goals, and how you will contribute to community.

Stretch your goals to include a career and lifestyle you envision for yourself in 10 or 20 years. Who are role models you look up to or can consult? What books can you read to learn about careers? How could you find a mentor to offer you guidance? What commitment will you make to help you grow? Ready, set, invest in yourself!



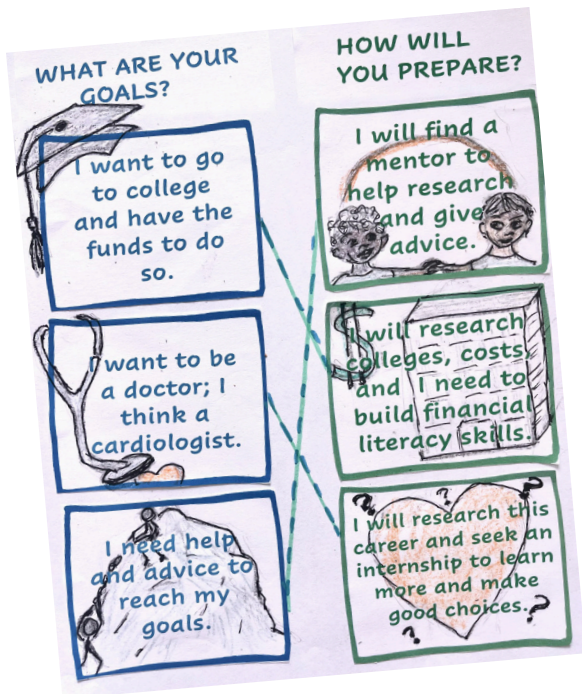
CREATE an investment plan that will help you achieve your goals and leverage your creativity. As you map out the preparation side write and illustrate ideas that could help you achieve your goals.

SKETCH OR WRITE IDEAS ON EACH SIDE OF THE PLAN.



WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS?

HOW WILL YOU PREPARE?



PRESENT your initial investment plan to family, friends, teachers, and other mentors who can help you revise it. A strong plan should be revised to add new interim goals and preparation steps. Observe and interview entrepreneurs, neighbors, and community leaders to help you plan next steps. Use your creative mindset to constantly refresh your plan with additional experiences that help you invest in your future.



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