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## What Type of Work is Best for You?

By Nicole Allard

*"We all daydreamed about what we would be when we grew up. Some were silly dreams that have faded away over time, but many have probably stuck."*

We all want to work in an environment where we simply can't believe we are actually getting paid for what we're doing. We want to look forward to each day of work, and take pride in the work we do. However, millions of Americans are working at jobs that they hate. They dread going to work each day, impatiently wait

miserable with the line of work they ended up with. There is no reason why anyone should be working at a job or in a career that they do not benefit from mentally and emotionally. Work, even though it is work, should also be pleasurable. You should get satisfaction from what you do, and love it as if it is a

deserve to have your dream career, and it's never too late to start!

We should begin by brainstorming about what type of work would suit you best. It is possible to interlace your dreams and hobbies into a great career that you will love to do, and look forward to every day. You might find out that you will need to take some college courses, or study your interests, but your hard work will be important in the end. Whether it's turning your hobbies or dreams into a career as an employee, employer or self-employed person shouldn't matter. However, if you work better alone then you should probably try to steer towards becoming self-employed. Although it is very difficult work, being the employee and employer, you may enjoy it better than working for someone else.

Get out a notebook and pen, or your keyboard, because it's time to start brainstorming. Write down anything and everything, even if it seems silly at first.

**Hobbies**

Begin by answering these questions:

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2. What type of things do you enjoy doing?

3. What has been your hobbies, not just now, but in the past as well?

I love to write and read, hence I am a writer. Writing is my work and reading is my study. I enjoy my work and have worked hard to become a writer. However, it did take some coaxing from my boyfriend and a lot of support from him to dive into the then unknown world of freelance writing.

**Childhood Interests**

We all daydreamed about what we would be when we grew up. Some were silly dreams that have faded away over time, but many have probably stuck. Those ones stay with us throughout our lives.

1. Do you recall those dreams you had as a kid?

2. What did you want to be as a child?

3. Did you vision becoming what you are now, or was it something else?

4. Did you anticipate something different from your life?

5. What did you enjoy doing as a child?

**Dreams**

Your dreams may be the same as your childhood interests. That's all right.

*What are your dreams?*

Write down all of them: the big all the way down to the small ones. It could be something as simple as tapping into a hobby, or as big as becoming an entrepreneur.

*What have you always wanted to accomplish?*

You can start taking the necessary steps toward attaining your dream!

I've always wanted to be a writer. I have achieved that goal without a degree, and

with two small children under my feet. I still have more dreams to accomplish, and the next one will be a best-selling author!

Now that you have sort of a journal of your brainstorming, sit down and take a look at it. You may want to set it aside for a night, then go back to it the next day. Begin to narrow down what you have written by crossing out the ones that are obviously not something you would want to pursue right now. Some dreams simply don't apply anymore.

Hey, I wanted to be a Ballerina when I was about 5, but I am nowhere near interested in that anymore!

Using what you have brainstormed, you can find the type of work that is best for you. You can build on your dream career when it suits you: while you are working, quit and dip into some savings to get you started, etc. Make sure you have the

finances to back you up before plunging into your dream. The hard work, dedication and perseverance that it takes to make your dream career real will pay off in the end in more ways than just monetary!

You can leave the daily grind in your past, and get a career that you truly enjoy. When you feel like you can't believe you are getting paid for what you are doing and look forward to working, you have found your career niche.

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