

What Can I Do With a Major in English or Creative Writing?

Possible Career Options

(some career options could require advanced study)

Abstract Writer
 Actor/Actress
 Advertising Copywriter
 Advertising Executive
 Arts Administrator
 Bibliographer
 Consumer Affairs Investigator
 Copy Editor
 Corporate Communications Critic
 Customer Service Representative
 Editor
 English/Literature Professor
 Feature Writer
 Fund Raiser
 Grant Writer
 Journalist
 Legal Assistant
 Legislative Aide
 Lexicographer
 Librarian
 Literary Agent
 Lobbyist
 Manuscript Reader
 Market Research Analyst
 Media Planner
 Newspaper/Magazine Journalist
 Office Manager
 Poet
 Policy & Procedures Analyst
 Political Campaign Organizer
 Proofreader
 Public Affairs Coordinator
 Public Relations Specialist
 Publisher
 Radio/TV Announcer
 Radio/TV Program Assistant
 Reporter
 Researcher
 School Administrator
 Screen/Television Script Writer
 Senior Editor
 Song Writer Specialist
 Speech Writer
 Technical Writer/Communicator
 Writer/Author
 Writing Center Director

Transferable Skills

Concentrates for long periods of time

Possesses liberal arts background

Works well under pressure

Reads carefully

Analyzes closely

Writes thoughtfully

Research Skills

Conducts and clearly explains research results

Reads analytically

Evaluates and integrates information

Problem Solving Skills

Makes critical observations and appropriate decisions

Analyzes the problem closely

Explores various solutions

Communication Skills

Reads, writes, and speaks proficiently

Possesses a comprehensive command of grammar and vocabulary

Listens, clarifies, questions, and responds well

Communicates ideas thoughtfully and creatively

Employment Sites

Past interns and graduates have worked at:

Ashland Middle School
Ashland Times Gazette
Ashland University
Baldwin-Wallace College
Bay Street Baptist Church
Beacon Graphics Corporation
Bryan Public Library
Casa Grande Elementary School
Chattanooga News Free Press
Coca-Cola Inc
Comcast Cablevision Company
Covington High School
Creative Associates Inc
Crestview Local School Board
Edgewood Middle School
Fallen Timbers Middle School
First Federal Savings & Loan
First National Bank
Gary Young Inc.
General Mills Inc.
George Mason University
Gilbert Furniture Company
Goshen First Brethren Church
GTE
Hiland High School
Hillsdale Local School Board
Maple Heights High School
Maple Heights Publishing Company
Mass. Institute of Technology
Mathias Church of the Brethren
Melrose Elementary School
Midwest Communications Company
Monroeville High School
Montana State University
Mt. Vernon High School
New London School Board
New York State University
New York Times
Oberlin High School
Oberlin News & Tribune
Prentice Hall Publishing Company
Prudential-McCollister & Associates
Seton Hall University
Shaker Advertising Company
Smith Management Company
Sprint United Telephone
The Ohio State University
United Insurance Company of America
University of Cincinnati
University of Colorado Health Services
University of Pennsylvania
University of Tampa
Wayne County Joint Vocational School
West Holmes High School
Western Reserve High School
Wilson Middle School
Wooster Daily Record

Experiential Education

Conducting research about a particular topic for a writer

Editing books for a publishing company

Writing articles, essays, and short stories for a local magazine

Working as a staff writer for a small publication

Transforming scientific and technical data into understandable language for a children's magazine

Additional Resources

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