edMe Challenge February 2025

Prompt: There are so many hard-working people in your community! Choose one career and argue why it is your favorite. Research, write, edit, cite, and submit by February 28. Have fun with it!

As part of your submission, create an infographic (a picture that shows facts in a fun way) that has at least 3 facts about this job.

Scoring

Written work is assessed for structure, mechanics, and content.

Structure refers to the overall organization of the writing. A cohesive, successful attempt will have clear topic sentences to introduce each paragraph or idea, supporting details to explain each idea, and conclusions to summarize the ideas. Successful mechanics show appropriate grammar at the sentence level and include correct spelling.

Grammar does not need to include specific elements, like commas or transition words, but it should not inhibit readers' understanding. Very minor point deductions reflect grammatical mistakes for incomplete sentences or misspelled words.

Content includes the prompt response and author's voice. The author's voice is an essential part of developing writing skills, particularly in the context of artificial intelligence concerns. Successful writing will clearly reflect the author's unique written voice and vocabulary. Additionally, the author's ideas show a thoughtful response to the prompt. The chosen job is accurately described and reflects a real job in the student's community. Additionally, a clear claim is supported by details and persuasive reasoning.

February Competition Writing Rubric: Grades 7-12

Persuasive claim   2/25 points

Claim is unclear or too short to capture the topic.	Claim is unclear, vague, or partially shows the topic.	Claim shows complete understanding and is persuasive.
1	**1.5**	**2**

Supporting details in paragraphs   2/25 points

Includes 0-1 factual details.	Only 2 details are provided, or some facts are incorrect.	More than 2 details are provided, and all included facts are correct.
1	**1.5**	**2**

Introductory & concluding paragraphs   2/25 points

Introduction and conclusion are unclear or too short to capture the topic.	Introduction and conclusion are vague or partially shows the topic.	Introduction and conclusion show complete understanding of the topic.
1	**1.5**	**2**

Grammar   2/25 points

Grammar inhibits a reader from understanding.	Grammar detracts from the reader's understanding.	There are three or fewer minor grammatical mistakes.
1	**1.5**	**2**

* Subtract 0.1 scoring points for each misspelling or incomplete sentence.

Voice   2/25 points

Author's voice is not identifiable.	Author's voice is partially identifiable or generic.	Author's voice is clearly identifiable and unique.
1	**1.5**	**2**

Job description   5/25 points

Job description is inaccurate or unclear.	Job is partially described or has 1-2 inaccuracies.	Job is described with accurate explanation.
1	**3**	**5**

Persuasive reasoning   5/25 points

No persuasive reasoning is used.	Persuasive claim is partially or inaccurately supported by reasoning.	Detailed persuasive reasoning supports persuasive claim.
1	**3**	**5**

Infographic   5/25 points

No details are creatively displayed.	Some details are creatively displayed.	At least three details are creatively displayed.
1	**3**	**5**

Total: _____ / 25 points