

**Subject Area:**

Administrative Procedures

**Title:**

What is a Court Reporter?

**Teacher:****School:**

North Lamar High School

**Lesson Objective(s) & Career Cluster:**

Students will research the role of a Court Report and become familiar with the requirements to become a one, as well as a typical day in the life of a court reporter.

**Activity:**

Activity 1: The students will watch a video about Court proceedings and observe the different roles of people in the courts. The video could be a proceeding from Court TV or "Know All About the Courts". Talk about the video and ask the students:

What does each of these people do in the court?

Lawyers

Witnesses

Court Reporter

Judge

Jury

Activity 2:

The students will open a word document and using their internet searching skills find the answers to the following questions

What are a court reporter's responsibilities within the courtroom?

What education and/or training are needed to become a court reporter?

What is the average salary of a court reporter?

What is the typical workday of a court reporter like?

List 3 Educational Institutions close to Paris, TX that train you to become a

Court Reporter

What is the nature of a court reporters work?

What are the working conditions of a court reporter?

What are the opportunities for advancement?

What is the job outlook for this career in the future?

Name several related occupations

List several personal traits or attributes that make someone a good candidate to become a court reporter?

Are there any certification requirements to become a court reporter? If so list them for Texas and one other state

Activity 3:

Anna McDowra will come and demonstrate to the class

**Evaluation:**

Student will turn in the word document with the answers to the questions.

**Extension/Modification and/or Instructional Methodology:**

The students could create a PowerPoint detailing the information they collected about a Court Reporter

Take a field trip to an Educational Institution that trains Court Reporters

**SCAN Skills:**

Information, technology, reading, writing, and reasoning

**Cooperative Learning Ideas, TAAS, TEKS Competencies:**

Social Studies 113.32, 113.33, 113.34, 113.35, 113.36, 113.37, 113.38, 113.39, 113.52

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**Team Project, Guest Speaker, or Field Trip:**

Anna McDowra, a court reporter for the 62nd District Court will come and demonstrate her machine and how she creates a transcript of a court proceeding.

**Resources:**

<http://www.courts.mo.gov/page.asp?id=253>

<http://bls.gov/oco>