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BAM

Oral Presentation Outline

Slide 2- What I assume

- low income
- lots of hours to work during week
- Hands get dirty and greasy very fast
- Fluids will make mess, wherever you're working on the bike
- Need lots of tools
- May get stressful
- Have a constant supply of soap, water, and towels

Side 3- What I Found Out

- Need 1-2 years of trade school for experience and training
- Very low salary, goes from \$20,000-\$40,000 average is \$30,000
- Takes time, effort, and patience
- Spends lots of money on tools and toolboxes
- Online shops put local shops out of business
- Being a mechanic is seasonal

Slide 4- What I Learned

- Mechanic is probably a good career if you live by yourself
- Most likely won't support an average family
- Must go to a trade school to get hands on training and experience to get a better chance at working for a shop
- May have to guess and check problems with the bike, if customer does not give an accurate description of what's wrong with the bike
- Always keep track of tools, because it's very easy to lose them.

Slide 5- Advantages

- Free maintenance on your own bike(s) if you own any.
- Get discounts on parts and accessories, if you work for a shop
- Shops give you lots of health care and insurance incase of any injuries

Slide 6- Disadvantages

- Very low paying job
- Seasonal job

- During prime season, may have to work a lot of over time
- May get stressful(finishing mechanical repairs on a bike within a certain time, or can't find your wrench, even though you saw it like a thousand times when you didn't need it)
- Impossible not to get your hands dirty, unless you wear gloves.
- Get sore after while from having to do repairs from under the bike, and a lot of twisting from the wrench.

Slide 7- Typical Tasks of a Mechanic

- replace spark plug
- bend handlebars back to original form
- Top end jobs
- Clean or repair carburetors
- Repair ignition systems
- Replace flywheels
- Replace oil filters
- Much more

Slide 8-9- Pictures

Slide 10- Conclusion

- Be mechanic in early part of life, most likely college, then quit early to find a better paying job
- Good starting job b/c of the enjoyment I get out of riding and repairing motorcycles
- Do not recommend because of low pay for the hours and what you have to do
- If you get stressed easily and not patient, you might blow a gasket

Slide 11- 10 year Plan

- 2014: graduate high school.
- 2015: Apply to Wyotech, MMI, or UTI
- 2016: Graduate from one of the above trade schools
- 2017: Go to College at UVA, and hopefully college lacrosse
- 2018: While in college, get a job as a mechanic at a local shop
- 2019: College stuff
- 2020: College stuff
- 2021: Graduate college
- 2022: Get on with life and see where it takes me.