

# REALITY ACCOUNTING PROJECT

## Accounting II

OVERVIEW: In small groups, you are going to research and learn more about “Real Life” Accounting.

STEP 1: Think about a topic you would be interested in.

STEP 2: Form small groups of 3

STEP 3: Start your research

STEP 4: Compile your information in writing and visually

STEP 5: Present the information to the class

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**STEP 1:** Think about a topic you would be interested in.

TOPICS TO CHOOSE FROM:

The Big 4 / Public accounting  
College Accounting  
Public vs. Private Accounting  
The CPA Exam  
The history of accounting  
Tax Accounting  
Computerized vs. Manual Accounting  
Forensic Accounting (also called fraud accounting)  
Accounting Scandals  
Compliance testing - Sarbanes Oxley

**STEP 2:** Form small groups of 3 (one group of 2)

- Find other students interested in the same topic.
- I will meet with each group several times to discuss progress
- Initially, I will help each group break their topic down into sub sections

**STEP 3:** Start your research. RESEARCH WILL INCLUDE the following:

1. Use at least 6 different online sources/websites
2. Use at least 1 business or accounting publication (journal, magazine) –may be online
3. Interview an accountant or business person RELATED to your topic

**STEP 4:** Compile your information in writing and visually. (END PRODUCT)

1. Summarize all information found from research in a chart/table or outline
2. Create 2 visual aids:
  - PowerPoint Presentation
  - Board Game
  - Poster
  - Webpage
  - Brochure
  - Video
  - Portfolio
  - Other (ask me)
  - Handout (Quiz, Graphs, etc...)

**STEP 5:** Present the information to the class

- Your group will present material (using visual aids) to the class in a 10-13 minute presentation
- Each team member must present something