

Chapter 7 Explore Careers

Section 7.2 Prepare for Work



Social Studies Create a Timeline

NCSS IV A Individual Development and Identity Articulate personal connections to time, place, and social/cultural system.

Directions Read the information about Elena’s career success, and then create a timeline by recording the event under the year in the chart.

Elena’s Path to Career Success

Elena always knew she wanted to be a graphic artist, and she dreamed of one day owning a small business on her own. When she began high school in 1994, she enrolled in a fine art class to learn the fundamentals of art. She knew that graphic designers often worked with electronic media. The following summer, just before the start of her sophomore year in 1995, she got a job in a computer lab. In the lab, she was able to explore the design software in her spare time.

During her senior year, Elena researched the colleges that offered the best programs in graphic design, and in the fall of 1996, she attended the college that best suited her goals and her budget. The summer before her senior year in college, Elena got an internship in the graphic design department of a busy advertising agency. She answered phones and filed, and also learned about the business.

After she graduated from college in 2000, Elena got a job at the company where she interned as a junior designer. Over the course of seven years, she worked her way up to senior designer. Finally in 2010, after ten years at the company, Elena struck out on her own and started a successful graphic design business, just as she had always planned.

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