

## Curiosity Quest "Risk" Journal Entry 3/4/05

They say that curiosity killed the cat, yet nothing great is ever accomplished without taking some risks. On the left side of the first available page in your DATA COLLECTION section, list five (5) risky experiences, endeavors, or encounters you could imagine related to your topic. What kind of risks can you imagine that you could take in order to fully experience your topic? What kind of risks would be necessary for you to become an expert in your field? What kind of risks would you have to take to finally achieve a goal related to your topic?

Risks involve the possible gain of something very important, at the possible expense of losing something valuable in the process. Risk can involve actually achieving a goal, but losing something of value - "What profit a man is he should gain the whole world and lose his soul." A risk can also involve the danger of not only losing something of value, but also not achieving the goal for which the risk was taken.

Things of value that can be lost can be:

Physical: money, cars, houses, jewelry, job, health...

Social: respect, authority, prestige, positive regard, friendship, love...

Emotional: happiness, satisfaction, peace of mind...

Record each of your five (5) risks in the following form as this example demonstrates:

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1. Risk: To become an astronaut and live on Mars
2. Possible Loss: Life, Health, Family
3. Possible Gain: Fame, Influence, Change the Course of History
4. What can be done to lower the risk and increase chances for success: Go to Air Force Academy and major in aeronautics; become a test pilot; Obtain Doctorate in Engineering, Become a NASA astronaut.
5. What can I do if I am not immediately successful: Seek more schooling; Work for a competing firm in the private sector; Work for a competing country

On the right side page next to your recording of the data, you are select one of the risks you have identified, and elaborate by writing a detailed career plan for taking that risk and how you would succeed. Make sure you incorporate the elements of your risk outline, but add details and specific guidelines you might use. Be imaginative. There are no wrong answers with a mindful and enthusiastic effort that strives to be as complete and detailed as possible.

Good luck.