

# College Talk Warm Ups - NPR Podcasts

Extra Credit Forms

Name:

## Title of Podcast: Opting Out of College for a Blue-Collar Life

National Public Radio has done some solid investigative journalism with post high school education, college choices and funding, and the challenges posed. The shows run in length from 4:00 to 7:00. This form will provide extra credit guidelines for listening to and commenting on the individual shows. Links to each story are posted on the Buddha blog - as is each story's extra credit form. My suggestion is that you listen to the podcast two times - once for taking notes and once without - you'll do a better job on the assignment and gain more from the experience. Also, for the ones that you find particularly informative - sit down with Mom and Dad, listen together and talk about the topic...it is essential that your parents are also educated on the challenges of college funding.

**Three things to note:** One, while it is possible to skim through NPR podcasts via the summary blogs posted on the website, the beauty of the presentations come from listening. Take the time to listen; these are professional productions. Two - Extra credit dates will coincide with Econ class. They will be posted regularly along with the podcast links. While SCI and Government students may do the extra credit as well, they must adhere to Economics due dates. So check the blog regularly or work ahead. Three - extra credit will consist of a 3% bump on any Marking Period grade for form completion. After MP final % grades have been totaled - you may take a portion or all of the accumulated percentages and bump up your final grade. However, I will give 3% only for completed *College Talk Warm Up Evals*. If you do not reflect on your answers with some depth, don't expect any extra credit.

All assignments must be turned into Mr. Wood on hard copy at the beginning of class hour on due date for full credit.

### 1 - Podcast Summary

In your own words what was this podcast all about?

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### 2 - Will Anderson & his Counselor / Kingsford Michigan

Talk to me about Will's situation - what does he want to do? What do his parents want him to do? And how but his High School counselor - what problems does he see with this traditional college route?

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### 3 - Joe Lamacchia / Massachusetts

Joe is a very interesting guy...He talks about teachers telling his kids "they are going to fall right off the edge of the earth if they don't go to college." He didn't. How did he turn out. What does he say about blue collar life?

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### 4 - It's Different Today...than in the past

If you go blue collar - that's great! But be prepared it's not the same as if you dad or grand dad did. What's different today? How do you prepare? And what should you be prepared for?

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### 5 - Rob MacDonald / works for Joe

Rob MacDonald tried college - it didn't work for him. What did it leave him with? What does he do now? How's his life today?

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**6 - Relationship to YOU?**

This question is posed...why are we afraid to tell somebody they aren't suited for college? We don't do that with Football. We do that in music. Are you one of those people not suited for college? Are you maybe going to college but not suited to be a doctor or vet or a lawyer - one of those prestigious positions. Be honest with you. How do we deal with this issue?

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**7 - "Take Away" in a Word -**

In a word what if anything valuable did you "takeaway" from this podcast? Tell me the word and follow it up with an explanation.

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## 8 - Evaluation of the Podcast (circle one)

1 - Was this podcast informative?      YES      Maybe yes      Maybe no      NO

2 - Was this podcast interesting?      YES      Maybe yes      Maybe no      NO

3 - Would you recommend it to others: YES      Maybe yes      Maybe no      NO

Why or why not on recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Any Final Thoughts?

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