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### Dream Job

I have never put much thought into my dream job. I've spent most of my life trying to be the most successful and achieved person. For me that meant winning as many awards in as many things as possible, graduating valedictorian in high school, and coming to an esteemed university to please my family. After living much of my life to make others proud, I've found that it's exhausting and no one really cares how successful I am. I had these realizations fairly early on in my college career. Even so, I never put much thought towards what I wanted to do or what was important to me. I just lived life day to day not thinking about my future career. I was doing my best to enjoy each day as it came. Seeing as I graduate in May, I'm realizing that I should really put more thought toward my career. Right now I don't have a lot of ideas or aspirations; but I do have one idea that I've bounced around before and I think it would be fun. I've always seen this dream as something I would do when I was retired though, but I could also do it right after I graduate.

My dream job would be to open my own tea store. Not only would I be the owner but I'd want to make my own blend of teas from plants that I grow. I haven't worked out many of the details or figured out how I would overcome specific challenges, but this paper should make some great space to troubleshoot those details.

I always pictured opening this store in the American Southwest like Arizona or New Mexico. I don't have any reason for that other than I enjoy the desert and I figure the store would

be most marketable to unconventional free spirit type people. Now that I'm thinking about it a tea store might be better suited for somewhere like Seattle, Washington or Oregon; somewhere it's cold and rainy all the time. Ultimately this store could be placed almost anywhere in the United States, but for now let's just pretend it's in Arizona in some random touristy town or city.

I think it would be super cool to grow all the herbs and plants that I use in the tea blends on site at the store. So perhaps this store could have a rooftop greenhouse, or garden. Maybe if the store was big enough I could make it a tea rooftop garden. Where customers could sit on the roof among the plants that made their brew and enjoy a peaceful afternoon reading a book or something.

Alternatively, if I didn't do the rooftop greenhouse, I could have the store more in the middle of nowhere on a reasonable sized piece of land and grow the plants on an acre plot or something. If I had a fair amount of land, I could also keep my own bees so I could harvest honey and use the honey to sweeten the tea. I could also produce honey as an urban beekeeper as well.

As far as doing all the paperwork for this goes, I would need some permits and things of that nature. I would first need to come up with a business name in order to register this business and get setup with the federal and state taxes. I'd need to get a permit to sell food. And I'd probably need to get several other permits as well, but I think the permits I would need would depend on where this store is located. But I would need to get a license.

Then I would need to finance this business somehow. If I were to start this business fresh out of college, I would just use some of the extra money that my parents had from my college fund and maybe ask them if I could have some more if I needed more. If I started this dream job

in retirement as I had originally planned, I would hopefully have been smart enough to save up some money and could just use the money I had saved up to start my business.

Seeing as I am still in school, the most logical next step I could take to help me achieve this dream would be to get a business certificate so that way I would at least know a little bit of what I would be doing if I were to start the business right after college.

Even though this is a great dream that seems pretty achievable, I'm not sure it's what I want to do right after I graduate. So for now I'll just see how my life unfolds and what opportunities present themselves.