OBJECTIVE: Using research, write an essay that exposes an ethical issue in your chosen profession. *

Requirements: Minimum four pages in length plus a works cited page. Include Xeroxed copies of source material, labeled fully. Sources must be print sources, but one interview is acceptable as one source. Any websites must be approved by me personally, or they will be rejected. Stick to sources found by databases. No popular magazines (Seventeen, People, etc.) permitted. Do not forget good, old-fashioned books, as long as they are current. No sources of any kind prior to 2005, except maybe one book.

Structure:

1. Begin with an introductory paragraph that focuses on your profession, ethical issues in general, or both. Your thesis statement should expose the ethical issue explicitly.
2. The next paragraph should focus on a history of and/or a description of your chosen profession.
3. The remainder of the body paragraphs should expose the ethical issue: what it is, whom it involves, whom it affects, possible outcomes or solutions. Remember to stress why it is important.
4. The concluding paragraph should wrap things up and restate the thesis. Be original here; jazz it up so that it's not so mechanical. Perhaps a comment or two about the future of the profession would be appropriate.
5. Include a works cited page, then copies of your sources.

Sample thesis statements:

In the career of the police officer, ethical dilemmas abound; excessive use of force, accepting bribes, and taking the law into one’s hands are just a few.

Or

In the business of book reviewing, reviewers encounter the decision to allow outside forces to affect their reviews, a decision that can affect everyone from the author to the reading public.

REMINDER: THIS IS A DOCUMENTED PAPER. ALL BORROWED INFORMATION, WHETHER PARAPHRASED, SUMMARIZED, OR QUOTED, MUST BE CITED IN THE TEXT.

* If you are not yet sure of your chosen profession, do not panic. Choose a likely one, or just choose an interesting one.