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Appendix 5: An Equine Education

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Part 1

DIRECTIONS:

Begin reading the article “An Equine Education” in the spring 2021 issue of *FFA New Horizons* and complete the following activities.

At what age did Erick begin going to the horse stables with his dad?

- a. 5
- b. 8
- c. 11
- d. 14



Equine = _____

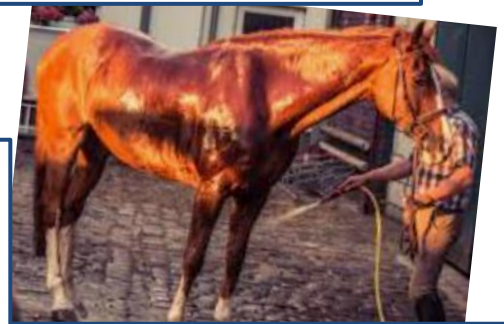
What tasks did Erick help his dad perform?

- a. Riding and loping
- b. Walking
- c. Bathing
- d. Trimming hooves

What career does Erik now want to pursue due to his experiences?

- a. Veterinary technician
- b. Veterinarian
- c. Veterinary assistant
- d. Zoologist

Place a  on the “horse capital” of the world.



Describe the economic impact of the horse industry. Check out the [American Horse Council](https://americanhorsecouncil.org/).

Think about the state you live in. What is the impact of the horse industry on your state?

According to the article, what does the industry struggle to find?

- a. People that can ride horses
- b. Skilled workers
- c. Equine dentists
- d. Veterinarians

Identify three different supervised agricultural experiences (SAEs) that a student could have within the equine industry. If you need help, use the SAE for All website, <https://saeforall.org/>.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.



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Part 2

DIRECTIONS:

Careers in the equine industry are very diverse. Today, we will look at just three of the opportunities that exist within the industry. Read each career description below and then research the following: education needed, skills required and day-to-day activities of the career.

Feed Mill Manager

Feed mill managers are responsible for overseeing the production, quality, costs and safety of the mill that produces feed for animals. They keep inventory of feed ingredients and order as needed and handle customer questions and complaints. Additionally, they ensure all employees are trained on safety and continue to stay up-to-date.



- What education is needed? _____
- Identify three skills you would need to be successful in this career.
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.

- What are the day-to-day activities you would do in this career?

Horse Trainer / Instructor

A horse trainer or instructor works with horses to ready them for riders, races or shows. They typically are expected to analyze horses' dispositions to anticipate any possible behavioral problems such as kicking, tossing or biting. Then, they train accordingly to prevent future behavioral problems. Additionally, trainers/instructors assist horses in adapting to gear, acclimating to riding on various terrains and performing various exercises.



- What education is needed? _____
- Identify three skills you would need to be successful in this career.
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.

- What are the day-to-day activities you would do in this career?

Pen Rider

A pen rider monitors and moves cattle around a feeding operation. Most of their daily duties are completed on horseback. Utilizing horses, pen riders ride through assigned pens daily and identify sick animals by observing outward signs of distress. They segregate sick cattle for treatment by driving them to the nearest hospital pen.



- What education is needed? _____
- Identify three skills you would need to be successful in this career.
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.

- What are the day-to-day activities you would do in this career?

Identify two things that you find most interesting about the equine industry.

1.

2.

How does the equine industry impact you?

In one sentence, how would you describe the equine industry to a friend?