“The preamble of thought, the transition through which it passes from the unconscious to the conscious, is action. Only so much do I know, as I have lived. Instantly, we know whose words are loaded with life, and whose are not.”

“I hear therefore with joy whatever is beginning to be said of the dignity and necessity of labor to every citizen. There is virtue yet in the hoe and the spade, for learned as well as for unlearned hands. And labor is everywhere welcome; always we are invited to work; only be this limitation observed that a [person] shall not for the sake of wider activity sacrifice any opinion to the popular judgments and modes of action.”

—Ralph Waldo Emerson, “The American Scholar”

resources
- 100 Careers for English Majors: [http://www.insidejobs.com/blog/100-careers-for-english-majors-they-do-exist-really](http://www.insidejobs.com/blog/100-careers-for-english-majors-they-do-exist-really)

questions to ponder
1) describe your experiences in clubs, organizations, work (paid and unpaid experiences), or other episodes of “making” “leading” (in class or outside of it).

2) who/where do you hope to be in 3 years? 5 years? what do you hope to be doing?
what are two immediate steps you can take this week to inch yourself closer to that? (print out an application? set up an appointment with an advisor or mentor? join an organization on campus? look up clubs, contacts, resources, websites for internships (on campus or within our community and beyond)?

after you take these two steps, what are two longer-term goals you want to accomplish in order to help you reach the career path you have in mind?

what are some actions you can do to polish/present a professional profile for yourself? (make a portfolio? make a website? build your professional network? clean up your social media presence?)

dreams → short-term goals/plans → long-term goals/plans → facts