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Resume Starter Guide

Open up a google or word document. Stare at the blank screen for some amount of time, you should do what feels most natural, but don't take too long! You have work to do. Start out strong, title your document. Try "Resume", change it to "Résumé". Remember that you are trying to be professional *and* presentable. Change it to "(First name) (Last name) Résumé". Maybe add your middle initial, like so: "(First name) (Middle initial) (Last name) Résumé". Oh ho! Fancy! Look at that, your name is so nice, so adultlike. Dwell on it. Does your full name *actually* look nice? Delete your middle initial. Add it back. Repeat the previous two steps as feels appropriate. That's enough for today! Go lay down. Stare at the ceiling, try not to think about your future. It's not urgent, after all. Come back when you feel the overwhelming, all consuming need to.

Welcome back! It's probably been anywhere from 20 minutes to 4 months. Let's get back into it. Open your "(First name) (Last name) Résumé" or your "(First name) (Middle initial) (Last name) Résumé" document. Let out a belabored sigh. You really got nothing done last time. Like for real, nothing. How unfortunate. Stare at the blank screen. Look at how the cursor blinks against an endlessly stretching void of white. A single mote of black against the reality that you must submit to. This is all you are worth. Onward to Google Images! Do not use Bing. On your life do not use Bing. Look up "resume", "resume example", "entry level resume" in that order. Get some creative ideas! See that some resumes use cool colors and side bars. You could add a picture of your beautiful, very attractive, not at all coffee fueled manic smile. Or you could add a section where you use a slider to show how proficient you are in a skill. How neat and fun! Give it a try. Struggle with your writing program's limitations. This can take anywhere from 5-45

minutes depending on your perseverance and stupidity. Turns out your proficiency in writing programs is not that high. But don't worry, you couldn't even figure out how to add the slider section, so it doesn't matter.

Give up! Use a resume builder from the internet! Spend a really reasonable amount of time trying to find a site that isn't locked behind a paywall. This will probably take 30+ minutes. Finally find one that doesn't require you to put in your credit card or social security information. Great job! Spend even more time picking the perfect base, header, color, and font. You have so many tantalizing choices. You could pick slate gray or charcoal gray. Is there even a right decision? Yes. You don't know what it is though. Select from a wide variety of activity descriptions and job responsibilities. None of them will perfectly fit the thing they are supposed to be connected to, but that's a-ok! Really get into this resume builder. It's honestly going great. You are doing great. Slam coffee or just drink water if that's something you are into. Close your eyes. Lean back. Take a deep breath. Look upon your work. You've done it. You've made the most perfect resume. Resplendent in its corporate glory. Certainly this is enough to make the general manager at the local Denny's weep tears of nectar and bliss. With a resume this good, you might even be able to work at the local Cracker Barrel. Congratulations! Click onto download PDF.

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Snag a boring, standard resume template. Worry about having a generic resume! Maybe it's not just your resume that is generic. Uh oh. What even are you? Dread.

Paste your template into your "(First name) (Last name) Résumé" document. You have likely decided that you are not mature enough for that middle initial. No big deal. It's not like it's a third of your name or anything. Add your name, without the middle initial, to the top. Stare at the empty lines of "Lorem ipsum". The rest is simple! Add everything you've ever done to the page. Do not let it be longer than one (1) page. Reduce yourself! Find out that a lot of what you do, your work, your hobbies, you, do not matter on this resume. Feel free to agonize over every word and period! Do periods even go at the end of these sentences? Are they even considered sentences? You have no fucking idea. Try to find the best and most accurate way to describe yourself. You really haven't ever done anything, have you? Sell yourself. Feel like Lorem ipsum. Where do you put the days, months where you worked and suffered? How do you explain what that was like? Great questions!

Finish your resume. It is not perfect and it doesn't look anything like the Google images, not Bing, you saw, or the masterpiece that you made with your ex www.freeresumegenius.com. But, it is done, and it is competent, and it is done. Congratulations! You have made a resume. Apply for that job, program, award, or school. We'll see you in six (6) months when you have to do it all over again!