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Career in Supply Chain and Logistics

I struggled for the longest ^{time with} what I wanted to succeed in. From wanting to be in the military ^{Make this into a sentence.} to wanting to be a meteorologist, ^{Start another sentence here} finding a career that best suits me and my life as a mom was not the easiest thing to decide. As a little girl, I always loved big trucks and played with them instead of dolls and now in my adulthood, ^{What's the connection with shopping online?} I love online shopping. I have had many odd jobs but once I got into the transportation world that's when I knew what I wanted to succeed in. Transportation, ^{comma} more so supply chain and logistics. ^{Make this all one sentence} This is one field that will never die out because everybody needs to have their merchandise shipped and delivered to people's homes and stores. It never stops and it is constant demand especially during these trying times. ^{How well suited are you to this career? Write a thesis.} Supply chain is one of the leading career choices in today's world.

I currently work for Amazon transportation and have been working on the supply chain side for over ^{four} 4 years and to see how the company has taken over the transportation industry is quite mind boggling. A pro of this field is that your networking skills will increase dramatically. ^{word choice} You have to build connects with different vendors and clients to get them to use your company ^{word choice} to ship their product. ^{comma splice} In a way you have to sell yourself, this forces you to have to think outside the box ^{wrong word} and forces you to think why my company is better than my competitors. Another pro is that you gain a new appreciation of how a product gets from the shipper to the customer. When I visited an Amazon facility ^{I saw} and see everything from start to finish and even having the pleasure of riding in both a tractor and a delivery van to the customer's home gave me a sense of ^{Begin new sentence here.} accomplishment and satisfaction. ^{Start a new paragraph about money you need to earn.} The main pro that steered me to supply chain is the money.

Supply chain is a very lucrative business and since the pandemic, has grown in an exponential rate. You will make money in this business as long as you put in the work. Just seeing how Jeff *how...., how. and how....., I am inspired to do what?* Bezos took over the world with Amazon and how fast it grew and the profit the company has made, inspired me that if you put your all into your dreams and career, the outcome will be great.

While there are many pros to supply chain, there are cons that sometimes have me second guessing my career choice. The first one is you will have to wait a year or two before you start seeing a profit. This will pose a great challenge to me because my family *relies* on me for everything. While I would love to just go out and fully invest my all into my business I know that I would have to still keep a regular job ~~to maintain~~ until things take off. There are so many unanticipated costs that will arise, like breakdowns, fees from the vendor, and if the load is too *who will have to pay?* heavy will definitely have to pay a fine, *Start a new sentence* it's a lot of unknown issue that will arise that can affect me providing for my family. Another one is that you have to find your own contracts and ensure that you are getting good rates. If you do not have good networking skills or a good brokerage then you will not succeed. As lucrative as this business is, there are a lot of companies that will *no clear what you mean* run for pennies and will run for anything. You have to know you and your company's worth and find contracts and vendors that values quality transportation over cheap transportation because those cheap guys will not care for the merchandise like I would and you have to let the vendors know and understand this.

Make clear in the beginning, that not only do you want to be in the field of transportation, but that you want to have your own transportation company/business. Now that isn't clear.

Remember that the question is how well suited are you for the career of running / owning your own transportation business. What are the advantages of doing this for you? What are the disadvantages? How well suited are you to handle the disadvantages? Make sure you are addressing this question.

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