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JMG is a credited class meeting over the course of the school year (2 semesters) with the primary focus on career development, job attainment and job survival, leadership and team building, communication and time management, and community service learning.

## **Ouch, seems like a lot!**

Well, it is and it isn't. How's that for an answer! There is very little to no *typical* homework. You will be required to think and reflect on what we've talked about in class. This class is really about connecting you to all of the possibilities that exist for you. We do this through exercises and projects that build beneficial habits, skills, confidence and real world experience.

## **Connecting me to what? How?**

Sometimes it is difficult to see the real purpose of school and how it connects to your life. I've been there and have felt that for sure. JMG is a class that is focused on you and your interests and talents. You will be pushed to think and realize your potential. You will be supported, respected and understood as an individual through this process and beyond.

## **OK, where and when?**

The JMG classroom is in the Library next to the netbook hospital. We will meet during the regularly scheduled day at times yet to be decided. This year, you will have to trade a study hall for this class. But, there will be time in the class for catching up or staying ahead of work in other classes.

## **A little about Mr. Berrang - the JMG Specialist.**

*Specialist*, how fancy! I'm a teacher; have been for 4 years. Before that I had my own businesses. One was a sporting goods store. Another was a bicycle manufacturer (awesome racing bikes). One was a graphics design business (think bus and car wraps). One was a restaurant. I love to paint and sculpt. I referee sports. I do tai' chi. I've flown a plane by myself. I have 2 grown daughters. I love thinking of creative ways to solve problems. I grew up in Pennsylvania. Over the years I've worked at a café, food warehouse, United Way, bakery, landscaper, library, theater, concert hall, horse racing track, college,

