

# Thinking about a Major or Minor in English?

(if you aren't already, maybe you should be)

What good is a degree in English? What are you supposed to do with it? Plenty, it turns out. If you're on the fence about becoming an English major or minor, or if you find yourself having to make the case to someone who's skeptical about your prospects after graduation (even if that someone's yourself), consider the following:

## Employability After Graduation

(the English major is part of the humanities and liberal arts)\*

Humanities and liberal arts majors: 91% employment after graduation

Computer and math majors: 90.9% employment after graduation

Social science majors: 89.7% employment after graduation

Economics majors: 88.6% employment after graduation

Political science majors: 88.9% employment after graduation

\*Jordan Weissmann for the Atlantic. Notable quote:

**"Score one for the lit nerds."**

## Return On Investment (ROI) For Three Common Jobs Held By English Majors\*

### SPEECH WRITER

Median Salary: \$78,011

30-Year Earnings: \$4,601,086

ROI of Degree Earner Attending Public College: 122%

### COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER

Median Salary: \$88,498

30-Year Earnings: \$5,219,609

ROI of Degree Earner Attending Public College: 139%

### WEB CONTENT MANAGER

Median Salary: \$79,674

30-Year Earnings: \$4,699,170

ROI of Degree Earner Attending Public College: 125%

\*Dawn Dugan for Salary.com Notable Quote: "What could be better? For four years you do lots of writing and reading, you talk about writing and reading, then follow

up with more writing and reading. Then, **the sky's the limit.**"

