

## 9<sup>th</sup> Grade - GeorgiaBEST@School

**Interviewee #1 Script: The interviewer's questions have been provided. When prompted, read each answer out loud as if you are interviewing for a job. Do not read the *italicized words* out loud; they are notes for you.**

**Q: "Did you bring a copy of your résumé?"**

Yes, sir (or ma'am), I did. (*You open up a folder you brought with you and hand a résumé to the interviewer.*)

**Q: "Tell me a little bit about yourself."**

I have lived in [your city or state] all of my life, I love being around people, and I love learning new things. Right now, I'm learning a new language because I think it is important to be able to communicate with a variety of people. I also like doing physical work and enjoy gardening and landscaping. I'm quite proud of my yard.

**Q: "What are your strengths?"**

I'm a really good listener. Don't get me wrong, I'm a good talker too, but I think listening skills are even more important. I'm also a good organizer. It doesn't make any difference if it is organizing my closet or a trip with my family; I love all the planning and organizing that goes into it.

**Q: "What are your weaknesses?"**

I like things to go according to my plans so when something comes up that may make my plans go off schedule it sometimes stresses me out. But what I have learned about myself is that coming up with a plan B helps a lot! So, if I plan ahead for potential problems, then I don't stress out at all because I have a good idea of what to do next.

**Q: "Why do you want to work here?"**

As I said earlier, I love being around people and in this job I'd get to meet every person that walks through the door. Your restaurant has a good reputation for quality food and service and that's the type of restaurant I'd be proud to work for. I think my qualities will fit nicely here.

**Q: "Tell me about a recent job or volunteer position you had."**

I volunteered at a homeless shelter serving food. Sometimes I stocked shelves but I really loved serving food. I got to meet a lot of people. Some days were easier than others. I set a goal for myself to smile at everyone I served, especially those people who seemed upset or depressed. It may seem like a boring job to some people but not me.

**Q: "Why did you leave that position?"**

I left because school started back up and couldn't do both school work and volunteer at the same time.

**Q: "Do you have any questions for me?"**

Your staff has a great reputation for customer service, so I thought perhaps I'd ask if you have a training program you put your staff through to achieve that.

**Before you leave, say:**

I also have a list of references for you. (*Hand the interviewer a sheet of paper.*) Thank you for the interview; it was a pleasure to meet you. (*Offer a professional, firm handshake and a smile.*)