Values and Foundations

Workview (150-200 words)
A "workview" addresses the critical issues related to what work is and what it means to you. It is not just a list of what you want from or out of work, but a statement of your view of work. When people get stuck on this assignment, they tend to just write what they're looking for in a job or an employment situation, which is important to understand but is not a workview. We’re after your philosophy of work - what it's for, what it means. When using the term "work" we mean the broadest definition - not just what you do to make money. Work is your active engagement with the world and can extend well beyond a narrow definition of job or labor or even career. Work occupies more of our attention and energy than any other single category. Accordingly, take the time and reflection to articulate what work means to you. People’s workviews range widely in what they address and how widely they incorporate issues related to service, others, the world, standard of living, growth, learning, skills/talents, etc. Address what you think is important.
- Why work? What is work for?
- What does it mean?
- How does it relate to the individual, others, society?
- What defines good or worthwhile work?
- What does money have to do with it? What does experience, growth, fulfillment have to do with it?

Worldview (150-200 words)
Below are some questions which are classically addressed in a worldview, though which are the important questions is a matter of choice. The key thing is to address those highest order values and perspectives that provide the ordering basis for your life, that create the platform that interprets and organizes how you see and understand the world and assign order (or disorder) to it. You may wish to consider the following questions (not comprehensively):
- What is the meaning/purpose of life?
- What is the relationship between the individual and others?
- What is good or worthwhile?
- What is the meaning of time? What of joy, sorrow, justice, injustice, love, peace, strife, good & evil?

COHERENCE
Look over your worldview and workview.
- Do they complement? Clash?
- Do they integrate well?
- Does one inform or energize the other?
- Is there opportunity to improve their coherence?

Knowing why you work and what you are working for can help you seek what meets your needs.