

# JA My Career Journey

## Career Exploration Project



### **Teacher Guide - Enhanced Curriculum**

After the students watch the videos and complete the questions, give instructions on completing the "Career Exploration Project". The instructions below are also posted on the student webpage.

### **Career Exploration Project for Students**

Research a company or organization from the JA My Career Journey videos. Make notes in a separate document. You will need them for one of the chosen assignments. Cite your sources.

- Start with the company website. Most company websites have an "about" section that provides an overview of the company.
  - Investigate the company's products or services.
  - Discover other occupations at the company and make a list of the types of jobs people do there. You can explore the "about us" or "careers" section of the company's website.
- Research one of the speaker's occupations at <https://www.mynextmove.org/>.
  - Type the speaker's job title in the search field under "I want to be a..." Select the result that most closely matches the speaker's job.
  - Read through the job information, taking notes about the skills, knowledge, and abilities that interest you. You might also want to note the education required, wages, job outlook, and any other interesting facts.
- Visit the U.S. Department of Labor site at <https://www.onetonline.org/>.
  - In the top navigation bar, locate the "Find Occupations" drop-down menu, select Career Cluster, and use the arrow button to find the career cluster most closely associated with one of the volunteer speaker's you liked. Select "Go" to investigate and identify the career most closely related to the speaker's job.
  - Find two other careers within the cluster that might interest you, again taking notes about the details.

## Show What You Know

Using the information you gained from your research, choose one of the following four activities to show what you know.

### Interview an Adult

- Create a set of interview questions appropriate for one of the speaker's occupations, and conduct an interview with an adult you know who works in a similar field. Come up with at least six questions to try to determine what the interviewee's typical day looks like, what skills are required for the position, and what the right kind of education and training are for this field. Consider these examples.
    - Did you go to additional schooling beyond high school to learn your job?
    - How many days a week do you work? How many hours per day?
    - Are you able to do your job in a virtual or digital environment?
    - Do you work indoors or outside? With a team or solo? In an office or cubicle?
    - How do listening skills help you perform your job?
    - What is your favorite or easiest thing to do at work? What is your least favorite?
    - Why is your job important to you? Why is your important to your company or organization?
    - What subject do you wish you had studied more in school? Why?
    - What kinds of problems do you need to solve? How do you make your decisions?
- When you have finished your interview, write a paragraph explaining whether you believe the job is a good fit for your interests and skills. Why?*

### Recruitment Brochure

- Create a recruitment brochure that the company you researched might use when recruiting job candidates.
    - Include information about the company and what it does, the work environment, and the various job opportunities and career fields available. If possible, include information about benefits. Be sure to include aspects of the job and the company that would appeal to a potential employee.
- When you have finished your brochure, write a paragraph explaining whether you believe the job is a good fit for your interests or skills. Why?*

### Venn Diagram

- Create a Venn diagram comparing two of the occupations you researched.
    - Examine the job outlook, education, work environment, salary, technology, and other key features.
- When you have finished your diagram, write a paragraph explaining which of the two jobs you believe is a better fit for your interests and skills. Why?*

### Imagine this Job

- Imagine yourself in the speaker's occupation or similar career:
  - What would your day look like?
  - What tasks would you perform?
  - What kind of communication would you encounter?
  - With whom would you work?

*-Write a "Day in the Life of..." story about your imagined job.*

- Use relevant descriptive details from your research and the speaker's talk. Describe your job, what you accomplish, and how you spend your time.
- Write your story using chronological sequence and a variety of transition words, phrases, and clauses to signal or show shifts from one time frame or event to another.
- Use showing language to help the reader imagine the setting and your feelings about your job.