

# JA It's My Future

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<p><b>Session One: My Brand</b></p> <p>Students learn that they have their own personal brand and that the brand they build today will reflect on them in the future. They examine well-known logos to learn how individuals and companies create their brands and build their reputations. They assess their personal characteristics to define their own brands and then develop logos to represent themselves.</p> <p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <p><b>Students will:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Describe the elements of a brand</li> <li>▪ Recognize the ability of personal branding to build a positive reputation, for their personal life as well as for their future career</li> <li>▪ Design a logo that expresses their personal brand</li> </ul>	<p>NA</p>	<p>Assess personal strengths and limitations, with a well-grounded sense of confidence, optimism and a growth mindset (<b>Self-Awareness</b>).</p>	<p><b>Grade 6</b> RI.6.4 RI.6.7 SL.6.1-2 SL.6.4-5 L.6.1-6</p> <p><b>Grade 7</b> RI.7.4 SL.7.1-2 SL.7.4-5 L.7.1-6</p> <p><b>Grade 8</b> RI. 8.4 SL.8.1-2 SL.8.4-5 L.8.1-6</p>
<p><b>Session Two: Career Paths and Clusters</b></p> <p>Students are introduced to the 16 career clusters and the pathways through them. They take a career interest survey and learn about potential jobs within their preferred clusters. They then share job information with other members of the class and discuss the importance of all jobs within a community.</p> <p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <p><b>Students will:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Define careers cluster.</li> <li>▪ Identify jobs in specific career clusters to explore further</li> <li>▪ Recognize the interconnectivity and value of all types of jobs</li> </ul>	<p>PFL 8.5.1. c. Analyze the changes in the development of human capital over time. For example: Gaining knowledge and skill through education, apprenticeship, entrepreneurship, and work experience.</p>	<p>Apply knowledge to set goals, make informed decisions and transfer to new contexts (<b>Initiative/Self Direction</b>).</p>	<p><b>Grade 6</b> RI.6.1,4,7 SL.6.1-2 SL.6.4-5 L.6.1-6</p> <p><b>Grade 7</b> RI.7.1,4 SL.7.1-2 SL.7.4 L.7.1-6</p> <p><b>Grade 8</b> RI.8.1 RI.8.4 SL.8.1-2 SL.8.4 L.8.1-6</p>

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<p><b>Session Three: High-Growth Careers</b></p> <p>Students learn about the importance of being aware of which fields are growing and which are declining when making decisions about their own careers. They play a game that introduces information about high-growth job fields.</p> <p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <p><b>Students will:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify specific careers that are forecast to have high- growth rates</li> <li>Consider a variety of factors when selecting a career</li> </ul>	<p>PFL 8.5.1. c. Analyze the changes in the development of human capital over time. For example: Gaining knowledge and skill through education, apprenticeship, entrepreneurship, and work experience.</p>	<p>Focus on learning goals by employing motivation and familiar strategies for engagement and evaluate progress, making necessary changes to stay the course (<b>Perseverance/Resilience</b>).</p>	<p><b>Grade 6</b> RI.6.1,4,7 SL.6.1-2 L.6.1-6</p> <p><b>Grade 7</b> RI.7.1,4 SL.7.1-2 L.7.1-6</p> <p><b>Grade 8</b> RI.8.1,4 SL.8.1-2 L.8.1,3,4</p>
<p><b>Session Four: Career Mapping</b></p> <p>Students learn how early experiences can build transferable skills that contribute to future job success. Students look at the lives of celebrities and their paths to success, focusing on early experiences. They learn about career maps by examining a sample and then creating their own.</p> <p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <p><b>Students will:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify jobs in specific career clusters that they would like to explore further</li> <li>Plan significant milestones they need to reach to earn a particular job</li> </ul>	<p>PFL 8.5.1. c. Analyze the changes in the development of human capital over time. For example: Gaining knowledge and skill through education, apprenticeship, entrepreneurship, and work experience.</p>	<p>Look for and value in different perspectives expressed by others (<b>Adaptability/Flexibility</b>).</p> <p>Establish goals for communication and plan out steps accordingly (<b>Communication</b>).</p> <p>Demonstrate task-management attributes associated with producing high-quality products (<b>Task/Time Management</b>).</p> <p>Pursue a path of inquiry initiated by personal connections to careers and other life pursuits (<b>Career Awareness</b>).</p>	<p><b>Grade 6</b> RI.6.4 RI.6.7 W.6.4 SL.6.1-2 SL.6.4-5 L.6.1-6</p> <p><b>Grade 7</b> RI.7.4 W.7.4 SL.7.1-2 SL.7.4-5 L.7.1-6</p> <p><b>Grade 8</b> RI.8.4 W.8.4 SL.8.1-2 SL.4-5 L.8.1-6</p>

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<p><b>Session Five: On the Hunt</b></p> <p>Students are introduced to the basics of looking for and applying and interviewing for a job. They play a game in which they must identify two truths and a myth about the job search process. They also learn the fundamentals of creating a resume and engage in simulation in which they identify appropriate skills for various jobs and decide upon the right section of a resume to highlight those skills.</p> <p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <p><b>Students will:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recognize basic job-hunting techniques, including looking for a job, applying, interviewing, and listing references</li> <li>Recognize the importance of personal presentation and making a good impression, on paper and in person.</li> <li>Recognize the basic construction of a resume and skills that should be highlighted on a resume.</li> </ul>	<p>PFL 8.5.1. c. Analyze the changes in the development of human capital over time. For example: Gaining knowledge and skill through education, apprenticeship, entrepreneurship, and work experience.</p>	<p>Make connections between information gathered and personal experiences to apply and/or test solutions (<b>Critical Thinking/Problem Solving</b>).</p> <p>Demonstrate confidence in sharing ideas/feelings (<b>Self-Advocacy</b>).</p> <p>Demonstrate confidence in sharing ideas/feelings (<b>Leadership</b>).</p>	<p><b>Grade 6</b> RI.6.1 RI.6.4 RI.6.7 SL.6.1-2 SL.4 L.6.1-6</p> <p><b>Grade 7</b> RI.7.1 RI.7.4 SL.7.1-2 SL.7.4 L.7.1-4</p> <p><b>Grade 8</b> RI.8.1 RI.8.4 SL.8.1-2 SL.8.4 L.8.1-4</p>
<p><b>Session Six: Soft Skills</b></p> <p>Students learn about the differences between technical and soft skills and why both are essential for keeping a job. Students will also complete a soft skills self-evaluation to determine which skills they already have and which they can work toward. Finally, they will role-play situations that require strong soft skills.</p> <p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <p><b>Students will:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Define and differentiate between technical skills and soft skills</li> <li>Identify specific soft skills they already possess and those they need to improve</li> </ul>	<p>PFL 8.5.1. c. Analyze the changes in the development of human capital over time. For example: Gaining knowledge and skill through education, apprenticeship, entrepreneurship, and work experience.</p>	<p>Regulate one's emotions, thoughts and behaviors in different situations (<b>Personal Responsibility</b>).</p> <p>Examine how individuals interpret messages differently, how values and points of view are included or excluded, and how media can influence beliefs and behaviors (<b>Information Literacy</b>).</p>	<p><b>Grade 6</b> RI.6.4,7 SL.6.1-2 SL.6.4-5 L.6.1-6</p> <p><b>Grade 7</b> RI.7.4 SL.7.1-2 SL.7.4-5 L.7.1-6</p> <p><b>Grade 8</b> RI.8.4 SL.8.1-2 SL.8.4-5 L.8.1-6</p>