

LESSON | A WHOLE WORLD OF CAREERS

Help students navigate possible occupations and apprenticeships with this fun research activity.

Objective

Students will conduct research and analyze information to look for patterns, then collaboratively discuss their findings.

Time

45 minutes

Materials

- Find Your “Right Now” Job activity sheet



Instructions

1 Encourage students to identify potential careers. As a warm-up, ask them to share with a partner one or more careers that have sparked their interest and why.

2 Distribute the Find Your “Right Now” Job activity sheet. Have students use the prompts to research criteria for teen jobs and apprenticeships related to their career interests.

3 Direct students to display completed research sheets around the classroom and give the class time to read several different job profiles. Organize a scavenger hunt by calling out certain criteria (e.g., strong written and verbal communication skills) and challenging students to find jobs and/or apprenticeships that match (e.g., speechwriter, marketing assistant).

4 Hold a class discussion guiding students to reflect on what they learned about the various careers, jobs, and apprenticeships they researched. Encourage them to elaborate on new discoveries they’ve made and actionable next steps to explore career pathways.

Suggested discussion prompts

- Do you notice a pattern in the types of jobs that appeal to you? Describe it!
- Which job criterion applied to many different positions? Why do you think that is?
- Share one thing you learned from this activity that surprised you and why.

Increase the Challenge

Direct students to turn research findings into infographics. (Use them in the scavenger hunt!)

ONLINE RESOURCES TO GUIDE APPRENTICESHIP RESEARCH

Start here—and see if your school has other career exploration resources!

- Explore real job listings of apprenticeships (to see a wide variety, leave out your location during your search): [apprenticeship.gov](https://www.apprenticeship.gov)
- Check out careers that match your interests using cool customized search tools: mynextmove.org
- Learn more about apprenticeships for high school students: [apprenticeship.gov/educators/high-school](https://www.apprenticeship.gov/educators/high-school)
- Get information about which industries have the most new jobs: [bls.gov/ooh/](https://www.bls.gov/ooh/)

Name _____

FIND YOUR "RIGHT NOW" JOB

Instructions Consider your skills and interests and select a career to focus on. Then, using the prompts and online resources your teacher provided, research criteria for jobs or apprenticeships related to that career.

JOB/APPRENTICESHIP TITLE #1

- Summarize the job/apprenticeship description in the space below:

- What are the eligibility requirements/ qualifications (e.g., education, skills, prior job training)?

- What skills is this employer looking for?

- What are some of the things that appeal to you about this position?

JOB/APPRENTICESHIP TITLE #2

- Summarize the job/apprenticeship description in the space below:

- What are the eligibility requirements/ qualifications (e.g., education, skills, prior job training)?

- What skills is this employer looking for?

- What are some of the things that appeal to you about this position?
