

Job Explorer: My Dream Job-Lesson 4

Topic: Potential Career Paths

Objectives:

- Select three potential career options
- To examine the implications of a potential career path

Materials:

- Job Listings Reference Books
- CareerZone.ny.gov
- Worksheet 3A: “Skills Survey”
- Worksheet #4A Fast, slow: How do you know?
- Newspaper

Focus Question: What are your possible career paths that outline your skills and talents?

Teaching Strategies:

Pre-class preparation: Get all job listings books from the library and have them available in your classroom for this session. Or, have your career exploration class in the library today. Students can conduct research on the CareerZone.ny.gov website on various career paths.

Body of the Lesson:

Tell the class that today they will be exploring possible career paths based on the skills/talents that they possess.

1. Have students reexamine their skills and talents through Worksheet 3A and use the handout to research possible career paths that outline those skills and talents. They should use the job listing reference books, as well as, CareerZone.ny.gov to assist them in researching possible career paths. Students should select at least three careers and write them down on the bottom left-hand corner of “Fast, slow: How do you know?” (Worksheet #4A). In groups, have students use a newspaper or Internet to explore and identify individuals who work in any of those career paths. Or, students can identify products that have been created, decisions that have been made or problems that have been solved by people in those careers. Students can use these examples to draw conclusions about the job.
2. Direct students to complete the questions on the Fast, slow: How do you know?” (Worksheet #4A). If there is time, discuss some of their answers. (The questions require them to identify the potentially unconsidered implications of their chosen career.)

Summary/Assessment

Ask students: Why does each of their three career paths interest them?

Homework:

Have students journalize how each career appeals to his/her personality, strengths and skills.