



JA Career Speaker Series

Pre-Recorded Program Lesson Plan

Upper Elementary

1. (5 minutes) Ask students:
 - What are some of your dream jobs?
 - i. Why are you interested in that career? Do you know anyone who has that job?
 - ii. What do you need to do to be ready for your dream job?
 - What are some things you are learning in school that will help you in a future career?
 - Why it is important to start thinking about what you would like your future career to be.
Possible Answers: To know which subjects to focus on in school, gain experience through internships, job shadows, part-time jobs, and volunteer opportunities, etc

2. (15-30 minutes) Tell students they are now going to get to explore a variety of career videos to hear about what the job entails, tools used, education needed, etc.
 - Elementary Career Video Bank: <https://southdakota.ja.org/local-repository/ja-career-speaker-video-bank-elementary>
 - i. As the classroom teacher, please decide whether you prefer students pick and choose their own videos to watch on their one-to-one devices (if available) or if you prefer to watch videos as a whole class.
 - ii. Please note all videos are suitable for upper elementary; K-2 teachers have been asked to choose specifically from those with an asterisk (*).
 - There is a [Student Worksheet](#) for students to use in conjunction with a video presentation that helps them track what they already know, wonder, and learned about the career.

3. (5-10 minutes) As time allows, ask students to share:
 - Interesting things they learned from the videos.
 - Things they still wonder about.
 - How the careers in the videos were similar and different.
 - What education was needed, etc.