



The Job Search

Materials:

- Worksheet

Brainstorm

You are walking through your town and you notice a local restaurant has a “Help Wanted” sign in the window. You go in because you are interested in the job. What would you say to get hired?

Discuss

Have students share their “pitches” with their classmates. Students can share some with the class and vote on the best ones. What do the “better” pitches have in common?

Dive in!

The first step in your career search is determining what you want to do - what career interests you most. Go to <https://www.careeronestop.org/toolkit/careers/interest-assessment.aspx> and take the interest assessment. What careers connect with your interests?

Now that you have some idea of what careers might interest you, a great resource for potential careers is the [Occupational Outlook Handbook](#). You can search for a career you are specifically interested in (ie. chefs), or you can look at all the careers in a field you might enjoy (ie. Food Preparation and Serving).

Once you decide on a career field, the next step is to begin the job search. Watch this [video](#) and take notes on the steps mentioned.

Activity

As was mentioned before, the job search is now digital. Many companies use job boards to post positions. These job boards include sites like Indeed, Glassdoor, LinkedIn, and Monster. The purpose of a job board is to enable the candidate to see what positions are available, the qualifications for the role, and the pay range.

Use the worksheet to locate a job you might be interested in on one of the job boards.

Reflect



High School

What is one new thing you learned about this job search process?

Extend and Enrich

Many companies and organizations are looking to hire a diverse pool of employees. They want their employees to have different backgrounds and experiences. Here are some job boards and portals that empower underrepresented candidates to land their dream job.

<https://medium.com/alerial/these-19-companies-are-connecting-employers-to-diverse-pools-of-talent-3e902c7d9208>

For Further Study

<https://www.cnbc.com/2017/07/10/6-ways-to-use-job-boards-to-land-a-gig-and-one-stupid-mistake-to-avoid.html>

<https://www.thebalancecareers.com/best-entry-level-job-sites-2058517>

Professional Development

Do you have a profile on LinkedIn? Have you updated it recently? If not, take a moment to do that, even if you are not looking for a new job. It's a great way to access professional development opportunities.