Lesson overview

Learning paths

5 Recommended: **5th grade**

Length: **40-100 minutes**

About this lesson

In this lesson, students will identify types of education and training pathways to prepare for careers, match types of training with certain careers, and understand the importance of preparing for a job.

Learning objectives

By the end of this activity, students will:

- Identify types of job training and education pathways
- Match types of training with certain careers
- Understand the importance of preparing for a job
- Interview someone they know about the learning path they took on the way to their career

Driving question

What if someone tried to do a job without the proper training?

Future-ready skills

Career awareness | Evaluating | Comparative thinking

Lesson breakdown

40 minutes

Mission: Learning paths

Direct students to complete **Mission: Learning paths**, where they will explore the different education and training pathways that lead to various careers. Create a copy of or download the Mission: Learning paths - introduction template (also available in Spanish) to introduce the lesson to your students.

60 minutes

In-real-life mission: Retrace a path!

In this extension activity, students ask someone they know about the learning path they took to prepare for their career. They can use the handout to record their interview, or create a video or audio recording of their mission. They then upload the artifact to **Storyboard**, and reflect on what they learned.

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Students will like 3 careers before beginning **Mission: Learning paths**. As part of the extension activity, students will upload their handout or interview to **Storyboard** and reflect on what they learned about the topic and themselves.

Vocabulary

- Job shadow
- Career
- Training
- Trade
- Apprentice
- College
- 2-Year college or technical school
- Program
- Degree
- Military

Materials required

- Computers or tablets with internet access
- Mission: Learning paths - introduction template (also available in Spanish)
- In-real-life mission: Retrace a path! (also available in Spanish)

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