



KEY TERMS:

Interview- a meeting to evaluate a prospective student or employee.

Community- a group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common.

Examine- inspect someone or something in detail.

Career Cluster- a group of occupations with similar features.

Profession- a paid occupation, especially one that involves prolonged training and a formal qualification.

BEST, WORST, WHY?

Grades: 9-12 | Time: 60 minutes

Activity-at-a-Glance

Students will interview one adult about their career. They will ask three questions: what is the best thing about their job, what is the worst thing about their job, and why did they decide to do the job.

Standards

AZCTE Professional Skills: 3.B, SEL Competencies: 1,5, Technology: 9-12.3.a.

Materials Needed

1. Best, Worst, Why handout
2. Prepared Questions
3. Writing Utensil

Objective:

Students will interview a community member to learn more about their career path. Using that knowledge, the students will examine the professions they are most interested in.

Activity Details:

DAY 1: Ask students to write the profession of someone they know on a post-it note. Using the 16 career clusters, have students sort all of the responses by category. Discuss which of the jobs that have been shared are in-line with the students' career pathways. Hand out the Interview sheets, and assign a due date for them to have the interview done.

DAY 2: Each student will share about the adult they interviewed and the responses they received.

VARIATION: This activity could be built into a much larger assignment if the students also researched the profession or created a visual aid to present to the class.

Closing:

Ask students to write one to two sentences in response to the following questions: Why is it important for us to know about the jobs that are available to us, and in what ways do certain jobs impact the community?

Collect their answers on the way out of class.



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BEST WORST WHY

SAMPLE INTERVIEW SHEET

Student Name:

Name of Person Being Interviewed:

Profession/Career:

What is the best thing about your job?

**If you could change one thing about your work,
what would it be?**

Why did you decide to go into this field?

Follow-Up Questions: