

**Unit #1 Title:** Career Investigations: Jobs in the World of Work

**Lesson Title:** Becoming A Career Detective (Part 1) **Lesson:** 1 of 2

**Grade Level:** 3

**Length of Lesson:** 30 minutes

**Missouri Comprehensive Guidance Standard:**  
 CD.8: Knowing Where And How To Obtain Information About The World Of Work And Post Secondary Training/Education

**Grade Level Expectation (GLE)**  
 CD.8.A.03.a.i: Explain what workers do and need to know in various careers.

**American School Counselor Association National Standard (ASCA):**  
 Career Development:  
 A. Students will investigate the world of work in relation to knowledge of self and to make informed career decisions.

**Materials (include activity sheets and/ or supporting resources)**

**NOTE:** Arrange to interview the classroom teacher during this lesson. Interviewing the teacher will model interviewing for students before they conduct interviews on their own.

Materials:  
 An oversized magnifying glass drawn on a big piece of paper (students' responses in "HOOK" and # 1 will be written on "magnifying glass" and saved for Lesson 2)

- Activity Sheet: "Interview Questions"
- Activity Sheet: "Interview Summary"
- Optional: Activity Sheet: "Investigative Reporter's Notebook"
- Chalkboard and chalk

**Show Me Standards: Performance Goals (check one or more that apply)**

X	Goal 1: Gather, analyze and apply information and ideas
X	Goal 2: Communicate effectively within and beyond the classroom
X	Goal 3: Recognize and solve problems
X	Goal 4: Make decisions and act as responsible members of society

**This lesson supports the development of skills in the following academic content areas.**

Academic Content Area(s)	Specific Skill(s)
X Communication Arts	3. Reading and evaluating nonfiction works and material 4. Writing formally and informally
Mathematics	
X Social Studies	6. Relationships of the individual and groups to institutions and cultural traditions
Science	

	Health/Physical Education	
X	Fine Arts	1. Process and techniques for the production, exhibition, or performance of one or more of the visual or performed arts

**Enduring Life Skill(s)**

X	Perseverance	X	Integrity	X	Problem Solving
X	Courage		Compassion		Tolerance
X	Respect	X	Goal Setting		

**Lesson Assessment (acceptable evidence):**

**Assessment should relate to the performance outcome for goals, objectives and GLE  
 Assessment may be question answer, performance activity, etc.**  
 Assessment for this lesson will be through observation of student contributions to discussions.

**Lesson Preparation**

**Essential Questions:**  
 What do workers do on their jobs?  
 What do workers need to know to do their jobs?

**Engagement (Hook):**  
 Have or make an oversized magnifying glass. Remind the students of the “investigation” of the world of work that they have been conducting since kindergarten.

(Display the magnifying glass you have drawn on chart paper.) Ask the class, “Where have you gathered information about careers?” Where else might you obtain information?

**Procedures**

<p><b>Instructor Procedures:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Write class responses on the magnifying glass. Guide responses from the sources they used in grades K, 1 and 2 (observing and talking with parents, school workers, and community workers to other resources such as books/ magazines/ webquests.</li> <li>Think of a well-known reporter (local or national) and ask students if they have ever seen or heard _____. The job title for _____ is “reporter.” “What is the role of a reporter?” “What responsibilities does a reporter have?” Explain that you are hiring them as Investigative Reporters. Investigative Reporters investigate a “story” in depth. They will be doing in-depth</li> </ol>	<p><b>Student Involvement:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students respond with sources they have used and sources they will use.</li> <li>Students will respond with what they know about reporters. All students are expected and encouraged to respond with what they already know about reporters.</li> </ol>
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<p>investigations and gathering specific information. They will interview adults to uncover information about the roles and responsibilities of adults at work.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>3. The first worker they will investigate in-depth is “Teacher.” Lead the class in a discussion of the career or job of a teacher. What does a teacher do? Write responses on the chalkboard.</li><li>4. What does a teacher need to know? Write responses on the chalkboard. What training or education do teachers need?</li><li>5. Ask: “How might we find out more about what a teacher needs to know?” Tell students that you will be doing just that, interviewing their teacher. Give each student a copy of Activity Sheet 1 “Interview Questions.”</li><li>6. Interview the classroom teacher using the list of questions. As you are interviewing their teacher, tell students to take notes on the “Interview Questions” Activity Sheet.</li><li>7. After the interview, give students a copy of the “Interview Summary” Activity Sheet. Have students get into groups of 3 or 4 and, as a group, identify 1 responsibility, 1 job skill and 1 knowledge skill required for teachers to do their jobs. Write the responses on the “Interview Summary” Activity Sheet. Ask one or two groups to tell the class their responses. List their responses on the chalkboard.</li><li>8. Close the lesson by asking students to tell a partner one thing they learned during the lesson and one thing they still want to learn about the World of Work and Workers.</li><li>9. OPTIONAL: Introduce students to the</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>3. Students responses might include Write Lessons, Present Lessons, Model Lessons, Assign Work, Correct Papers, Average Grades, Go to Workshops, Supervise Students, Go to Meetings, Call Parents, Discipline.</li><li>4. Responses include: Responses to Questions and Tests, How to Teach Lessons, Steps to Solve Problems, the Subject and Content Areas.</li><li>5. Student will respond with statements such as “We can discover more information through interviews. Students will look over the questions on the “Interview Questions” Activity Sheet.</li><li>6. While the counselor interviews their teacher, students will take notes on the “Interview Questions” Activity Sheet.</li><li>7. Students will complete the “Interview Summary” Activity Sheet in small groups and report the information to the class. Each student will tell a partner what he or she has learned and still wants to learn about the World of Work and Workers.</li><li>8. Students may ask clarifying questions.</li><li>9. OPTIONAL: Students will “put</li></ol>
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<p>“Investigative Reporter’s Notebook” and explain that investigative reporters might use a notebook such as this to compile evidence in a logical way. Draw attention to the pages with the interview questions and point out the importance of asking each person the same BASIC questions (although reporters may ask additional questions of individuals).</p> <p>10. If you choose NOT to use the “Investigative Reporter’s Notebook”, give each student a blank “Interview Questions” Activity Sheet and tell them that they are to interview a worker, in the school or in the community and record the information on the Activity Sheet. These will be used for the next class session.</p>	<p>together” Investigative Report’s Notebook to be used to take notes during interviews and to help organize data they have gathered with the data gathered by other students during their interviews with workers.</p> <p>10. Students will review the process they will be using to conduct their investigation of the world of workers.</p>
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**Teacher Follow-Up Activities**

An excellent follow-up would be for the classroom teacher to invite a reporter to come to class to be interviewed. Ask teachers to provide opportunities for students to practice their interview skills by interviewing each other and/or finding out more information about the role and responsibilities of teachers.

It will be helpful if teachers would announce the due date of the completed Interview Questions Activity Sheets.

**Counselor reflection notes (completed after the lesson)**

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## Activity Sheet 1

### INTERVIEW QUESTIONS 5 Ws and an H

**Who** influenced your decision to become a \_\_\_\_\_?

**What** do you like about your job?

**What** is your role as a \_\_\_\_\_?

**What** are some of your responsibilities as a \_\_\_\_\_?

**What** skills does a \_\_\_\_\_ have to have?

**What** school subjects do you use as a \_\_\_\_\_?

**When** did you decide to become a \_\_\_\_\_?

**Where** did you get your training to become a \_\_\_\_\_?

**Why** did you choose to become a \_\_\_\_\_?

**How** many years of training did it take to become a \_\_\_\_\_?

Is there anything else you would like me to know about being a \_\_\_\_\_?

## Activity Sheet: INTERVIEW SUMMARY

### TEACHER INTERVIEW

Group Report

Group Member's Names

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1. We learned that our teacher's role is to:

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2. We learned that one of our teacher's responsibilities is:

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3. We learned that one skill our teacher uses is

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4. We learned that one knowledge skill our teacher needs is

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5. Another thing we learned about our teacher is:

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6. I might like to become a teacher

Group Member \_\_\_\_\_ YES NO Maybe

**Activity Sheet: Investigative Reporters Notebook**

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TOP SECRET INFORMATION

*World of Work*  
*Investigative*  
*Reporter's*  
*Notebook*

Private Property of:

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