

Careers: Career Day

Objective:

To learn more about different careers and how people choose their careers.

Time:

15-60 minutes depending on the number of guest speakers.

Materials:

Chalkboard or Dry Erase board (optional)

Procedure:

Invite at least four guests representing a variety of careers to speak to your class about their career and their current job. The guests can all be present together for a panel-style presentation, or may come at different times or on different days. Give guests an opportunity to start by telling their own story about their own career path. Then use the topics and questions below (or make your own) and allow the group some time to ask questions.

Topics and Questions for Discussion:

- Was your career something you have wanted to do for a long time or is something you chose later?
 - If it's something you've always wanted to be, is the job what you imagined when you were younger?
 - If it's something you chose later, how is it different from what you thought you wanted when you were younger?
- What are the job requirements for your particular job? Does it require a particular education, training, or skill?
- What is your favorite and least favorite thing about your job?
- How would someone get started in your field if they wanted to have your job?
- What kind of environment do you work in? (Inside/outside, with others/alone, at a desk or in the field?)
- What is your typical schedule and day like?
- Were there any subjects or things you learned in school that have been helpful in your work?
- Do you see yourself staying in your current role, or if not, what would come next?