

5th Grade Careers Study

The following unit is intended to cover the 10 career informational writing AKS. Each class will be different and may need a different support structure. Remember to model what you are asking students to do. Modeling provides a good review for those who already know it and gives a procedure for those who are learning it for the first time.

Each student will need the Career Research Packet. The packet provides a structured way to work through the research process. Hopefully, by guiding the research process in this way, students will be able to work through the research process independently in the future.

Activating Lessons

***Career Brainstorming-** Have students brainstorm what careers they know meet the given criteria. A time limit for each section can be used if desired. Use Career Brainstorming page.

***Career Cluster Videos-** Watch the cluster videos as a class or students can do this individually. Students can summarize using the Career Clusters Videos page.

***What are characteristics of informational writing that center on careers?**

Use career books from the Book Room or non-fiction section. Split students into groups and give each group 3-5 books. Have them create a list of specific informational writing traits that they find in the books.

Informational Writing Trait	Example from book	Page number

*Groups could be given post-it notes to mark the examples in the books.

Research Lessons

***How do I create an informational seed idea list that will assist me while I select a specific career? (Narrowing Research Topic & Choosing a Topic)**

Have students make a list of “Topics I Know A Lot About That Could Be a Great Job For Me.” After set time limit, have students share topics and why they wrote them down. This list should help students narrow down the career they will be researching for the Career Study.

***What career options are available? Which career will be “just right” for me? (Narrowing Research Topic & Choosing a Topic)**

Interest Survey- Students can take the interest survey to help them narrow their selection to a potential career.

Interest Survey Online- Visit Career Study page on the Media Center website and take the Career Quiz

***How do I create research questions and include facts to help my reader obtain specific information about my career?(Make a Plan)**

The career packet is a framework to help students gather the necessary information to complete the career study. One of the first steps after students have selected their career, is to write what they already know about the career and then all the questions they want to know about the career.

How do I take notes while I conduct research on my specific career? (Gather Information)

Continuing work on the career packet, students will begin to locate the answers to the questions that they want to know about the career. Students can use books, the Online Research Library, and the Career Exploration links on the Media Center Career Study page to gather information about the selected career.

How do I use my research notes to create an Informational Writing Plan? (Produce a Product)

Ask the students to look at their notes and try to identify at least one main idea and the supporting details that focus on their selected career. (You may want to give students a graphic organizer or have students draw one to plan out their writing.)

Writing Lessons that may need to be reviewed and modeled:

***What do I need to remember while creating a first draft?** (Produce a Product)

***How can I revise my first draft so that I can create a powerful introductory paragraph?**
(Evaluating Product)

What Makes a Good Introductory Paragraph?

- Main topic is clear
- Main ideas are mentioned (or you can predict what they could be)
- Writer does not say "I'm going to tell you about ..."
- Includes a hook: question, interesting fact, humor, quote

***How can I edit my first draft so my reader can understand my message?** (Evaluating Product)

***How do I change my revised and edited first draft to create my final draft?** (Evaluating Product)

***How do I share my final draft during a writing celebration?** (Evaluating Product)

Career Brainstorming

“What are you going to be when you grow up?” How many times have you been asked that question? Just think about all the possibilities. How many careers can you come up with that fit the characteristics below?

Requires a uniform	Requires a special vehicle	Involves working with animals
Requires outdoor work	Might require nighttime work	Involves working with children
Requires writing	Requires the use of numbers	Involves food
Involves handling money	Involves working in politics	Involves working with medicine

Works with technology	Uses creativity	Helps others
Involves transportation or people or goods	involves sports	Involves music and the arts
Involves building and fixing things	Provides a service	

Career Cluster Videos

Watch some of videos on the different career clusters. Summarize what you learned.

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