

Design Your Own Career Profile



Concept
Social Skills



Length
20-30 Minutes

Inquiry Prompts

- What are your responsibilities as a student?
- Where do you do your work as a student?
- What kind of “tools” do you use as a student?
- What are the best parts of your job as a student?
- What are your least favorite parts of being a student?
- What are you learning in school that will help you when you have a job?
- What if you could get fired from being a student?
- What if you could get raises and promotions as a student?
- How do you wish being a student was more/less like a job?
- If you could send adults back to school, what would you teach them?

Instructions

In this activity, students create profiles for the “career” of a student. Since being a student is like their first job, students should reflect on what’s expected of them and highlight the positive aspects of their “jobs.”

- 1 Explain to students that they’re going to create a career profile for being a student. Have them log in to Xello.
- 2 Go over some career profiles in the **Careers** section with students. Point out some of the content that the profiles share, like a photo, job description, working conditions, fun facts, etc.
- 3 Brainstorm some other fun details they might like to add to their profile, like an interview or what they think they should be paid. Consider some of the inquiry prompts to encourage creative thinking.
- 4 Remind students to include the behaviors and qualities that they share with adult workers, such as responsibility, dependability, punctuality, etc.
- 5 Hand out paper and art supplies to students and ask them to design and create their own profiles. They can use images/drawings, words, or a combination of both to create a profile that’s uniquely theirs.

Message for students: Ask anyone you know who has a job: when you grow up and go to work, you will be expected to be dependable and responsible, have a good work ethic, and show a positive attitude. These are all habits that you can learn and practice now in school.

Materials Required

- Paper
- Pencils, colored pencils, or markers
- Computers (tablets, phones) with Internet access

Artifacts

Upload students’ career profiles to **Storyboard**, where they can reflect on the similarities and differences between being a student and adult worker.