



EXPLORING FUTURES

Grade: 6, 7, 8

Unit: N/A

Lesson: Post-Visit Connections

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Duration: 60 minutes

Materials Needed:

- Career KWL Chart
- Reflection Board OR Thank-You Note Sentence Stems/Example
- Pens or pencils, optional markers & art supplies for decorating thank-you notes.

Learning Objectives:

- Students will reflect on what they learned about careers and workplaces.
- Students will record new understandings about careers from the field trip.
- Students will communicate appreciation to employees through thank-you notes.

Introduction:

- Students will reflect on what they learned about careers, explored, and what they want to know more about after going on the field trip. This lesson encourages curiosity, reflection, and appreciation by guiding students to record their knowledge, ask meaningful questions, and creatively sharing their takeaways through either a reflection board or thank-you note.

Part 1: Opener (10 mins)

- Explain: The KWL Chart helps organize what we Know, Wonder, and Learn.
- Hand back student copies of KWL chart.
- Students complete What I Learned(5-10 mins).
- Brief class discussion: highlight surprising takeaways and unanswered questions.

Part 2: Reflection Choice Activity (20 mins)

- Students choose one of the following reflection options:
- Option A: Thank-You Notes
 - Write a thank-you note to an employee you met on the trip or the hos of the trip.
 - Include: something they found interesting + one thing they want to learn more about.
 - Students can use these Thank-You Note Sentence Stems to help them draft.
 - Decorate notes; optionally, send them to the site.
- Option B: Reflection Board
 - Create a decorated board (drawings, cut-outs, or words) showing what they learned.
 - Share in pairs, small groups, or a gallery walk.

Part 5: Sharing & Reflection (10 minutes)

- Discussion Questions:
 - Students share either their thank-you note or reflection board.
 - What is one career you learned about that surprised you?
 - What is one lingering question you still have?