

## Career Connections

# Impact Circles

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Simple instructional strategies that incorporate the career profile videos in meaningful, effective, and practical ways.

## BIG IDEA

As they learn, students need to understand the relevance of new material. Understanding the relevance enables them to link their prior knowledge to new information. When this occurs, students can connect what they read, watch, do, or experience to what they already know about themselves and the world around them. As students are challenged to connect the careers featured in the career profile videos to the impact they may have on the individual, community, and world at large, relevance is achieved and the videos become more meaningful.

## MATERIALS

- Career profile video
- Writing utensil
- Impact Circles handout

## STEPS

1. Distribute one Impact Circles handout to each student and instruct the students to take out their writing utensil.
2. Explain that as students watch the career profile video, they should think about how the career has the potential to affect them as individuals, their community, and the broader world.
3. Tell the students that they might have to *infer* these impacts. If needed, explain that when something is inferred, it is not said explicitly. Rather, it is a conclusion that can be made based on the facts that are given.
4. When the career profile video is complete, encourage students to make notes on how this career may indirectly or directly impact their lives.
5. Then encourage students to find a partner and brainstorm how this career may indirectly or directly impact their community.
6. Finally, instruct the pairs to form groups of four and brainstorm how this career may indirectly or directly impact the world.
7. Regroup as a class. Discuss: When considering possible future careers, is it helpful to think about the impact they might have? Why or why not?

## SUM IT UP

This strategy is a great way for students to find relevance in the career profile videos as they gain a greater appreciation of the effects of each career.

## MORE IDEAS

1. Post the completed Impact Circle handouts on a bulletin board. Encourage students to continue adding to the board as they watch new videos and explore how different careers impact the world in different ways.
2. Students may use this Impact Circles handout to consider the impact they currently have on themselves, their community, and the world—as well as the impact they would like to have in a future career.

