

Career Connections

Pros and Cons

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

BIG IDEA

“Pros and cons” is a familiar phrase that can help students dig deeper into their initial response to a subject, issue, action, or decision. It promotes higher-level thinking by encouraging students to analyze information and make decisions based on their analysis. This activity will guide students in analyzing the career featured in the career profile video in order to evaluate whether they might like to pursue it.

MATERIALS

- Career profile video
- Pros and Cons chart
- Writing utensil

STEPS

1. Distribute the Pros and Cons chart to each student.
2. Explain that as students watch the career profile video, they should listen for details that could help them decide whether this is a career they might be interested in. They should record these details in the “pro” and “con” sides of the chart.
3. Pause the video approximately every 30 seconds to give students time to record their ideas. It may also be helpful to play the video a second time.
4. When the viewing is complete, encourage students to independently evaluate their pros and cons lists. In the bottom section of the grid, they can then reflect on whether this career is one they might want to pursue.
5. Regroup as a class and encourage students to demonstrate through a show of hands whether they would be interested in the career they just learned about. Encourage students to share their most important pros and cons.

SUM IT UP

This strategy is a great way for students to make personal connections to the content as they watch the career profile videos.

MORE IDEAS

1. Students can compare and contrast their pros and cons with a partner and consider why their lists might be different.
2. Students can use their pros list to help them find other careers that they might be better or equally suited for.

Pros	Cons
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Evaluate your pros and cons to determine if this career could be a good fit for you. Then, in the space below, explain your decision.
