

Careers and Jobs: 6th-8th Grade

A RIF Guide for Educators

Themes: Careers, Jobs, Community Helpers

Book Brief: This guide is designed for use with books about careers and jobs at the 6th-8th Grade reading level. Adapt the questions and activities in this guide to the book you are reading.

Content Connections: ELA, Social Studies

Time To Read!

Before we read, let's look at...

The Cover: Based on the cover, what jobs and careers will you learn about in this book?

Prior Knowledge: What do you already know about the jobs and careers featured in this book? Do you know anyone who works in one of these fields?

Vocabulary: Identify 10-15 words that are likely to be new to your students and introduce them before you read this book with your class.

Purpose for Reading: It's important to be able to analyze how an author introduces, illustrates, and elaborates on an idea in order to build a complete image of the subject. As we read, think about how the author does this.

While We Read

Monitoring Comprehension

- Summarize the text, avoiding personal opinions or judgments.
- What is the central idea of the text?
- What is the author's purpose for writing about this job or career? How do you know?
- What is the author's point of view on this job or career? How is it expressed in the text?
- According to the author, why is this job or career important to the world?

Let's Think About

Our Purpose: How does the author build a complete picture of the featured job or career? Your answer might include elements such as the author's use of examples, anecdotes, facts, details, and various types of text organization.

Extending Our Thinking: Have students use classroom print and digital resources to further research the job or career described in the book. As a class, put together a timeline that shows what internships, training, or other education would be necessary to pursue this job or career and how long it would take. Gather information about projected demand for this job or career, projected debt accrued in training for it, and projected salary. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of a career in this field.