

Worksheet B Explore Careers Grade 8-9

Instructions:

In small groups, share the results of your research and mentor interviews, and then work on your own to answer the reflection questions.

- 1. In your groups, one of you will act as the leader and ask the following questions to start the conversation:
 - a) Were you surprised by the number of occupations you learned about through your community work experience? Why?
 - b) What are the three occupations you researched? What was one interesting thing you learned about that you didn't know before?
 - c) Do you think the three occupations are part of a career cluster? Why?
 - d) Can you describe the career cluster?
 - e) What were some of the things that influenced your mentor's career choice?
 - f) Did any of the occupations interest you?
- 2. Individually, answer the following reflection questions:
 - a) What section of <u>Explore Careers</u> do you think will be most helpful for your future career planning? Explain why and how you think you will use it?
 - b) What are the connections between the mentor's occupation and the possible career cluster identified at the workplace?
 - c) Of the occupations you learned about, which one, if any, might be of interest to you? Why?
 - d) When you interviewed your mentor, did you get a sense of how their interests and passions support the needs of the local community? What about the global community?
 - e) How do you think the local economy of a community impacts the availability of jobs in that community?
 - f) Do you think your community learning experience and conversations with your mentor will help you make future career decisions? Why?
 - g) When thinking about your own career pathway, could you use the network you developed during your community experience to help you select future courses?