

# JA Our Nation<sup>®</sup>

### ■ Work and Career Readiness

JA Our Nation introduces students to the intersection of work readiness and fifth grade social studies learning objectives, including how the free market system serves as an economic engine for business and careers.

## LEARNING EXPERIENCE OBJECTIVES

Following participation in the learning experience, students will be able to:

- Identify the characteristics of a free market economy.
- Define entrepreneurship and explore the process of innovation.
- Understand that businesses need people with technical skills to support high-growth, high-demand jobs.
- Compare career clusters.
- Explore how the United States is tied to the global economy

## JA'S TURNKEY VOLUNTEER SOLUTION:

Join Junior Achievement's national network of volunteers and help students in your community connect the dots between what they learn in school and the "business of life"—work readiness, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy.

### **Personalized Placement**

JA works with you to ensure you teach at the location and grade level of your choice.

### **Comprehensive Training**

JA staff provides training so you are comfortable visiting the classroom. You will be trained in classroom management, understanding and delivering the JA curriculum, working with the classroom teacher, and communicating effectively with students.

### **Minimal Time Commitment**

The time commitment is minimal compared to the significant investment you make. This elementary grade-level learning experience includes five 45-minute sessions.

Need more flexibility? JA learning experiences have options for remote live and recorded sessions, and flexible in-class implementation options. Work with your JA staff to determine the best solution for you and your educator.

JA provides you with the session plans and student materials you'll need to make every minute count.

### **JA Staff Follow-Up and Support**

JA staff is available to answer your questions or make suggestions about your volunteer assignment.

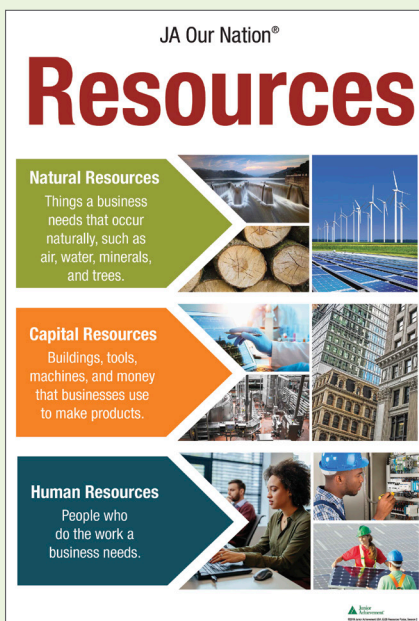
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## CURRICULUM OUTLINE

- 1 Session One: Free to Choose Your Work or Business**  
 Students are introduced to the nation's free market system and how it supports businesses and careers.
- 2 Session Two: Innovation Nation**  
 Students experience how entrepreneurial thinking can spur new businesses and the opportunity for future income. Students are directed to an online playable that explores STEM careers and skills.
- 3 Session Three: Career Quest**  
 Students examine career groups and the skills needed for a variety of careers.
- 4 Session Four: Get and Keep the Job!**  
 Students identify important work-readiness soft skills necessary for career success.
- 5 Session Five: Global Connections**  
 Students explore how the United States is connected to the global economy.
- 6 Supplemental Session: Business Organization**  
 Students dig deeper and experience the three ways businesses are organized.

The learning experience focuses on the U.S. free market economy and introduces the need for entrepreneurial and innovative thinking to meet the needs of today's high-growth, high-demand careers. Selected pieces appear below.

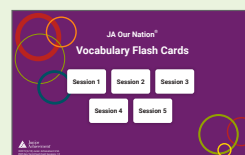
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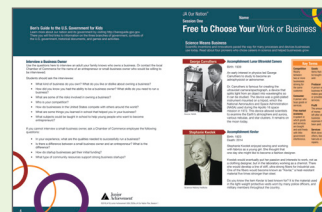
### Get and Keep the Job! Game Board



### Interactives

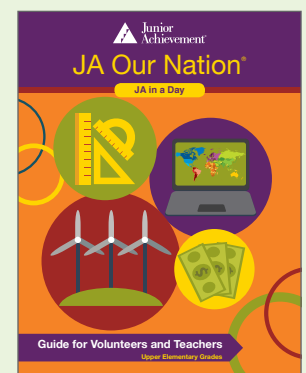


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