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Session Descriptions	VT Global Citizenship Standards	Common Core ELA
Session One: My Brand Students examine well-known businesses to learn about brand and reputation. They complete a personal brand worksheet to define their own brands and then design logos to represent themselves. Objectives: Recognize branding as a way to build a positive reputation, personally as well as in the business world. Design a logo that expresses their personal brand.	NA	RI 6.7 L. 6.1-6 SL. 6.1-3 SL. 6.5 L. 7.1-6 SL. 7.1-3 SL. 7.5 RI 8.4 L. 8.1-6 SL. 8.1-3 SL. 8.5
Session Two: Career Clusters Students are introduced to the 16 career clusters, take a career interest assessment, learn about potential jobs within their preferred cluster and then share job information with other classmates and discuss the importance of all jobs within a community. Objectives: Identify jobs in specific career clusters that they would like to further explore. Understand the interconnectivity and value of all types of jobs.	H&SS7-8:1 Students initiate an inquiry by asking focusing and probing questions that will lead to independent research and incorporate concepts of personal, community, or global relevance.	RI 6.7 L. 6.1-4 L.6.6 SL. 6.1-2 SL. 6. RI 7.4 L. 7.1,3,4 SL. 7.1,2,4 RI 8.4 L. 8.1,3,4 SL. 8.2,4
Session Three: High Growth Careers Students learn about declining and high-growth careers and possible reasons for changes in a job's outlook. They are introduced to several high-growth occupations and have the opportunity to research growth careers in their preferred career clusters. Objectives: Recognize the difference between high-growth and declining careers. Identify specific careers that are forecasted to have high growth.	H&SS7-8:2 Students develop a hypothesis, thesis, or research statement by predicting results, proposing a choice about a possible action, or exploring relationships between facts and/or concepts. H&SS7-8:4 Students conduct research by referring to and following a detailed plan for an inquiry	RI 6.7 L.6.1,4,6 SL. 6.1-2 RI 7.4 L. 7.1,4 SL. 7.1-2 L. 8.1,3,4 SL. 8.1



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Session Four: Career Mapping Students learn how early experiences can provide transferable skills that contribute to future job success by looking at well-known celebrities and their paths to success. They learn about career maps by examining a sample and creating their own. Objectives: Identify experiences and activities related to foundational skills that are transferable to a future job. Plan the significant markers needed to earn a particular job.	H&SS7-8:5 Students develop reasonable explanations that support the research statement by organizing and display information in a manner appropriate to the research statement through tables graphs, maps, dioramas, charts, narratives, posters timelines, models, simulations, and/or dramatizations, and revising explanations as necessary based on personal reflection, peer critique, expert opinion, etc.	L. 6.1-4 L.6.6 SL. 6.1-3 L. 7.1,3,4 SL. 7.1,2,4 L. 8.1,3,4 SL. 8.1-2
Session Five: On the Hunt Students learn about the process of looking, applying, and interviewing for a job. They read about the process and then play a game in which they must identify two truths and a myth about each topic. Objectives: Recognize basic job-hunting tools, including job postings, applications, recommendations, and interviews.	H&SS7-8:6 Students make connections to research by formulating recommendations and/or making decisions based on evidence, and Using their research results to support or refute the original research statement.	RI 6.7 L. 6.1-6 SL. 6.1-2 SL. 5-6 RI 7.4 L. 7.1,3,4 SL. 7.1,2,4 RI 8.4 L. 8.1,3,4 SL. 8.2,4
Session Six: Soft Skills Students learn about the differences between technical and soft skills and why both are essential to keep a job. They complete a soft skills self-evaluation to determine which skills they already have and which they can work toward. Finally, they role-play situations that require having strong soft skills. Objectives: Differentiate between technical skills and soft skills. Describe specific soft skills they already possess and those on which they need to improve.	H&SS7-8:14 Students act as citizens by demonstrating positive interaction with group members, and explaining and defending their own point of view on issues that affect themselves and society, using information gained from reputable sources	RI 6.7 L. 6.1-6 SL. 6.1-2 SL. 5-6 RI 7.4 L. 7.1,3,4 SL. 7.1-2 SL.7.5-6 RI 8.4 L. 8.1,3,4 SL. 8.1-3

