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Session Details	Social Studies	Essential Skills	Common Core ELA
<ul> <li>Session One: Entrepreneurs</li> <li>Students learn about the relationship between entrepreneurs, their businesses, and the products and services they offer, and then take an entrepreneurial characteristics inventory to assess their own entrepreneurial skills and interests.</li> <li>Objectives:</li> <li>Students will: <ul> <li>Define entrepreneurship and social entrepreneurship</li> <li>Describe the relationship between a business and its products and service</li> <li>Identify entrepreneurial characteristics and recognize them, in varying degrees, in themselves</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>SS.6.3.1. Investigate how different economic systems developed based on access to resources, societal values, and human experiences, in order to address the problem of scarcity.</li> <li>PFL. 7.5.1 a. Define resources from an economic and personal finance perspective.</li> <li>PFL 8.5.1. c. Analyze the changes in the development of human capital over time. For example: Gaining knowledge and skill through education, apprenticeship, entrepreneurship, and work experience.</li> </ul>	Plan and evaluate complex solutions to global economic system challenges using multiple disciplinary lenses such as cultural, historical, and scientific (Civic Engagement, Global and Cultural Awareness). Look for and find value in different economic perspectives expressed by others (Adaptability and Flexibility). Make connections between information gathered and personal experiences to research economic questions (Critical Thinking and Analysis)	Grade 6 RI 6.4,7 SL.6.1-2 L.6.1-6 Grade 7 RI.7.4,7 SL.7.1-2 L.7.1-6 Grade 8 RI.8.4 SL.8.1-2 L.8.1-5
<ul> <li>Session Two: Market and Need</li> <li>Students are introduced to young entrepreneurs who have successfully met an identified market need, and then created a new product to meet the need.</li> <li>Students work in groups to brainstorm current needs within different product categories.</li> <li>Objectives:</li> <li>Students will: <ul> <li>Define market and need</li> <li>Explain the importance of identifying market and need when developing new product or service ideas</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	SS.6.3.1. Investigate how different economic systems developed based on access to resources, societal values, and human experiences, in order to address the problem of scarcity. PFL. 7.5.1 b. Summarize how the distribution of resources impacts consumerism.	Plan and evaluate complex solutions to global economic system challenges using multiple disciplinary lenses such as cultural, historical, and scientific (Civic Engagement, Global and Cultural Awareness). Look for and find value in different economic perspectives expressed by others (Adaptability and Flexibility). Make connections between information gathered and personal experiences to research economic questions (Critical Thinking and Analysis)	Grade 6 RI.6.1,4,7 SL.6.1-2 SL.6 4 L.6.1-6 Grade 7 RI. 7.1,4,7 SL.7.1-2 SL.7.4 L.7.1-6 Grade 8 RI.8.1,4 SL.8.1-2 SL.8.4 L.8.1-5



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<ul> <li>Session Three: Innovative Ideas</li> <li>Students learn about innovative idea generation and examine cutting-edge products. Working in groups, students brainstorm their own product ideas and use graphic organizers to capture them.</li> <li>Objectives:</li> <li>Students will: <ul> <li>Explain innovation and recognize it as a necessary entrepreneurial skill when starting a business</li> <li>Participate in creative idea generation, from brainstorming to defending and selecting an idea</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	PFL. 7.5.1 c. Compare and contrast goods and services available to consumers [within different cultures as they developed in the Eastern Hemisphere throughout history.]	Engage in novel approaches, moves, directions, ideas and/or perspectives (Critical Thinking/Problem Solving) Follow a process identified by others to help generate ideas, negotiate roles and responsibilities, and respects consensus in decision making. (Collaboration/Teamwork)	Grade 6 RI.6.1 RI. 6.4 RI.6.7 SL.6.1-2 SL.4-5 L.6.1-6 Grade 7 RI.7.1 RI.7.4 RI.7.7 SL.7.1-2 SL.7.4-5 L.7.1-6 Grade 8 RI.8.1 RI.8.4 SL.8.1-2 SL.8.4-5 L.8.1-5
<ul> <li>Session Four: Testing the Market</li> <li>Students learn about the importance of obtaining market feedback about new product ideas. They will examine various survey question types and determine whether questions yield useful product feedback, and then practice developing survey questions in groups.</li> <li>Objectives:</li> <li>Students will:</li> <li>Discuss the importance of market research in the product development process</li> <li>Describe multiple types of survey questions</li> </ul>	NA	Engage in novel approaches, moves, directions, ideas and/or perspectives (Critical Thinking/Problem Solving) Test hypotheses/prototype with planned process for getting feedback (Inquiry/Analysis)	Grade 6 RI.6.1 RI.6.4 RI.6.7 W.6.4 SL.6.1-2 L.6.1-6 Grade 7 RI.7.1 RI.7.4 RI.77 W.7.4 SL.7.1-2 L.7.1-6 Grade 8 RI. 8.4 W.8.4 SL.8.1-2 L.8.1-5



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<ul> <li>Session Five: Design and Prototype</li> <li>Students learn about product design and the prototype process. Each student will create a product sketch to show the features and explain the purpose of his or her product.</li> <li>Objectives:</li> <li>Students will:</li> <li>Represent a product idea and its features by using rough sketches and</li> </ul>	NA	Engage in novel approaches, moves, directions, ideas and/or perspectives (Critical Thinking/Problem Solving) Test hypotheses/prototype with planned process for getting feedback (Inquiry/Analysis)	Grade 6 RI.6.4 RI.6.7 W.6.4 SL.6.1-2 SL.6.4-5 L.6.1-6 Grade 7 RI.7.4 RI.7.7 W.7.4 SL.7.1-2
<ul> <li>Recognize sketches as an important first step in the prototype process</li> </ul>			SL.7.4-5 L.7.1-6 <b>Grade 8</b> RI. 8.4 W.8.4 SL.8.1-2 SL.8.4-5 L. 8.1-5
Session Six: Seek Funding Students learn how to plan and deliver a pitch presentation with the intent of attracting potential investors. In a mock competition, groups will pitch their product idea to guest judge(s) who will award teams with ceremonial startup funds.	PFL. 7.5.1 b. Summarize how the distribution of resources impacts consumerism.	Establish goals for communication and plan steps out accordingly (Civic/Interpersonal Skills, Communication) Demonstrate confidence in sharing ideas/feelings (Self-Advocacy)	Grade 6 RI,6.4 RI.6.7 W.6.4 SL.6.1-2 SL.6.4-5 L.6.1-4 Grade 7 RI.7.4
Objectives:			RI.77 W.7.4
<ul> <li>Students will:</li> <li>Describe the elements that make a strong pitch presentation</li> </ul>			SL.7.1-2 SL.7.4-5 L.7.1-4
<ul> <li>Work together to create and deliver a product pitch for potential funding</li> </ul>			Grade 8 RI.8.4 W.8.4 SL.8.1-2 SL.8.4-5 L.8.1-5

