

Lesson 13: Educating Myself Benefits Others!

Objective: Students will learn how the community benefits from higher education and explore how important they are to a community and a global society beyond their families.

Time Needed: 25 minutes

Vocabulary:

Use instructional techniques such as a Word Wall or the Self-Selected Vocabulary Strategy to teach the contextual meanings of the following vocabulary words. These techniques are described in more detail in the “Vocabulary Activities Teacher Guide.”

Daily Vocabulary Words:

Word	Contextual Definition
Benefit	Something that promotes well-being; an advantage
College/University	An institution of higher learning providing facilities for teaching and research and authorized to grant academic degrees
Communal	Of or relating to a community
Higher Education	Any education after high school

Launch: (1 minute)

Opening Message / Question:

Now that we have talked about the Educational Journey and you have created your own, today we are going to talk about education, its benefits and how your continuing your education can bring about positive change to your community and the world!

Agenda: (23 minutes)

Opening Questions: (2 minutes)

Today, when we talk about college, we are referring to HIGHER EDUCATION, which is any education after high school.

- How many of you will be the first in your family to go to college?
- How many of you have parents, older siblings or cousins have gone to college?
- Making the decision to continue your education after high school is one that takes courage, hard work, perseverance and a growth mindset. If it takes so much effort, why is going to college worth it?

Write down their responses. Hopefully, one of their responses will be because getting an education allows you to contribute to your community in so many positive ways.

Group Work: (7 minutes)

Divide the class into 5 groups and give each group a copy of the FFWD Educating Myself Benefits The World handout.

Now that you are in groups, I am going to give you one minute to talk amongst yourselves and decide on the career you want to brainstorm the benefits of. Every group has to brainstorm a different career, no two can be the same. Also, decide who will take notes on the handout and who will present your responses to the class.

Now that you have decided on a career, brainstorm the benefits of that career. You have 5 minutes.

Share-Out: (10 minutes)

Give each group two minutes to share the career they chose and the benefits they thought of.

Discussion: (4 minutes)

- Why is it important for you to continue your education after high school and go to college?
- How will this benefit your family? Your community? The world?

Summary (1 minute)

Closing Remarks: (1 minute)

I end this lesson today with a Nelson Mandela quote:

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

Remember, education is so powerful, it can change the lives of an entire family in just one generation!

Materials:

Board or Chart Paper/Markers

Copies of the *FFWD Educating Myself Benefits The World* Handout

Fast Forward to College (▶▶FWD): 25 Minutes at a Time

Educating Myself Benefits The World!

With your group, decide on a possible career and think of all the ways that career can benefit the individual (the person with the career), their family and their community (the world/society in general).

The following is a possible example of a doctor.

When I become a Doctor, I will benefit the world.

Individual	Family	Community/World
Fulfilling career	Financial Stability	Positively impact the health of people
Financial stability	Ability to take care of family's health	Active participant in community
Professional respect	Positive role model	Positive role model
Good working conditions	Steady Job	Save lives

When I become a _____, I will benefit the world.

Individual	Family	Community