

## Lesson Plan for Youth Leaders working with High School Students

**Lesson Title: My Educational Journey**

**Objective:** Students will create their own educational journey poster detailing their experiences so far and including what it might look like in the future.

**Time Needed:** 25 minutes

**Launch: (1 minute)**

Opening Message / Question:

You have all learned about my educational journey, as well as the journey of someone you have chosen to interview. Today we're going to start thinking about your educational journey; the journey you have made so far as well as the journey you will take in the future.

**Agenda: (19 minutes)**

*Teacher Note: There are two different ways to complete this lesson.*

**Number 1: Give students art supplies in order for them to create an educational road map.**

On your paper, create a road map of your journey from birth to the present. Create the life map through words, symbols, images, and be as creative as you want to be. Be sure to include places you have lived and all of your schools. Write a few words to identify one significant event at each step of your educational journey.

*Teacher Note: Depending on their grade level, add the following instructions:*

- 9th and 10th graders should write down specific things they can do this year to make sure they are successful academically.
- 11th graders should write down specific things they can do this year to prepare for their senior year.
- 12th graders should write down specific things they need to do to apply to college.

**OR**

**Number 2:**

*Teacher Note: If you can take your students to a computer lab, they can create a roadmap to college by following the instructions below:*

To create a college roadmap that you can print out and choose to share on the college.gov website, you will need to do the following:

- Go to [www.college.gov](http://www.college.gov) and click on Tools and finally on College Roadmap.
- Click on your grade level
- Enter your name
- Enter your Dream School (What school do you want to attend after high school?)
- Enter a future goal for *I'm going to*. . .
- Enter a message

*Teacher Note: Once students have completed their college roadmap, you can print them out for students*

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to keep.

**Summary: (5 minutes)**

Closing Questions:

Now that you have created your educational journey poster **OR** your college roadmap:

- How many of you have enjoyed school?
- What motivates you (or not) about school?
- What can you do this year to make next year successful?
- What can you do in high school to make sure you are successful in college?
- What can I do to support your college dream?

**Materials:**

Board or Chart Paper

Chalk or Markers

Legal size paper

Crayons, colored pencils and/or markers

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