## JA It's My Business! – Blended

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| **Session One: Entrepreneurs**  
Students learn about the relationship between entrepreneurs, their businesses, and the products and services they offer, then take an entrepreneurial characteristics inventory to assess their own entrepreneurial skills and interests. | **Social Studies**  
E 2 (7-8) – 2 Students analyze how Innovations and technology affects the exchange of goods and services by…  
a. describing how inventions, innovations, and technology stimulate economic growth by expanding markets, creating related industries, and improving the flow of goods and services.  
b. explaining how innovations and technology positively or negatively impact industries, economies, cultures, and innovations.  
**National Standards for Financial Literacy**  
1.8 Entrepreneurs take the risk of starting a business because they expect to earn profits as their reward, despite the fact that many new businesses can and do fail. Some entrepreneurs gain satisfaction from working for themselves. | RI 6.4.7  
SL. 6.1-2  
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RI 7.3-4  
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L. 7.1-6  
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SL. 8.1-2  
SL. 8.6  
L. 8.1-5 |
| **Session Two: Market and Need**  
Students are introduced to young entrepreneurs who have successfully met an identified market need, and then created a new product to meet the need. Students work in groups to brainstorm current needs within different product categories. | **Social Studies**  
E 1 (7-8) – 1 Students demonstrate an understanding of basic economic concepts by…  
a. explaining the relationship between resources and industry.  
b. explaining the relationship between the producers in an real-world and historical context. | RI 6.4.7  
SL. 6.1-2  
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| **Session Three: Innovative Ideas**  
Students learn about innovative idea generation, and examine cutting edge, innovative new products. Working in groups, students brainstorm their own product ideas and use graphic organizers to capture them. | **Social Studies**  
C&G 4 (7-8)-3 Students participate in a civil society by…  
a. demonstrating an understanding and empathy for the opinions of others (e.g., listening to and asking relevant questions, considering alternative perspectives, voicing alternative points of view, recognizing bias)  
b. demonstrating the ability to compromise. | RI 6.4.7  
SL. 6.1-2  
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<td>Students learn about the importance of obtaining market feedback about a new product idea. Groups practice developing survey questions, test their questions, and discuss ways to revise their questions to obtain more useful feedback about their product ideas.</td>
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**Objectives:**
- Discuss the importance of market research in the product development process.
- Describe multiple types of survey questions.

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<td>Students learn about the product design and prototype process. Each student creates a product sketch to showcase their product idea.</td>
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**Objectives:**
- Represent a product idea and its features by using rough sketches and drawings.
- Recognize sketches as an important first step in the prototype process.

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<td>Students learn how to plan and deliver a pitch presentation with the intent of attracting potential investors. In a mock competition, groups pitch their product idea to the volunteer and teacher. Guest judge(s) may be invited to award teams with faux start-up funds.</td>
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**Objectives:**
- Discuss the elements that make a strong pitch presentation to potential investors.
- Work together to create and deliver a product pitch for potential funding.

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**Social Studies**

*C&G 5 (7-8)* – 3 Students demonstrate an understanding of how the choices we make impact and are impacted by an interconnected world by making predictions as to the effects of personal consumer, environmental, communication, and eventual political choices.

**National Standards for Financial Literacy**

2.2 By understanding a source’s incentives in providing information about a good or service, a consumer can better assess the quality and usefulness of the information.

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