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Career Mapping Activity

We often use a map when we are trying to find where we are going. It helps us find our direction and gives us some landmarks along the way to let us know we are on the right path.

Instructions for using a map:

First, find the Pearson Park map that is available to you.



Let's start by looking at some of the features on the map.

1. Find the **Legend** on the right side of the map and look for the **symbol of the Black Swamp Trail**.
2. Now look for the **Black Swamp Trail** on the map where the short trail and long trail meet. (Look for the intersection **without the gazebo**.)
3. Create the best route to take you to the **Bridge** on the pond near the **Waterfall**. Remember to look for landmarks along the way
4. Next, find the best route from the **Bridge** to the **Pearson Memorial**. This is the location of the flag pole.
5. From Memorial Park, find the best route to the **Ball Field Shelter** next to the **Baseball Diamond**. This is your final destination.
6. Now, go back where you started to where the short trail and the long trail intersect. Sometimes life gives us challenges and blocks the route we plan. We have to change our plans and create a different way to get where we want to go. This time we, pretend that the part of the trail you took last time is flooded and you have to **find another way** to get to the **Bridge**. (For example; if you took the road last time, you cannot take it this time.)
7. From the **Bridge**, find a different route to **Pearson Memorial**. Remember, the route you took last time is closed.
8. From **Pearson Memorial**, find a new route to the **Ball Field Shelter**. Make sure you don't take the same route you chose last time.

As you can see, sometimes the route we choose doesn't work out for one reason or another, so we have to find a different way to get to where we want to go. It may be slower or take longer to get there, but if we don't give up, we will eventually reach our destination or goal.

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Career Road Map



Instructions for creating a career map:

1. Now, find the the Career Road Map sheet. Notice it has many bends in the road. They represent the many twists and turns in a person's career. The boxes represent different landmarks in our career paths that let us know we are on the right path just like the campground map did. But instead of calling them landmarks, we'll call these **milestones** on our path to a career.
2. In the first box at the bottom left, fill in a first milestone on your career roap map. This could be the **grade you are in now**.
3. Next, **write the career** you want in the last box. (The box at the top of the S-curve).
4. Now fill in boxes 2, 3 and 4 with milestones that you need meet along the way. Those milestones could include:
 - graduating from high school
 - entering college, trade school, or military service - depending on what type of career you want
 - graduating college, earning a certification or apprenticeship for your chosen career
5. Keep this career road map to guide you to your future.

CONGRATULATIONS! YOU HAVE CREATED A CAREER MAP!