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Session Details	College- and Career-Readiness Standards for Social Studies	Common Core ELA
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.  Objectives:  Define entrepreneurship and social entrepreneurship.  Identify entrepreneurial characteristics and recognize strengths and areas of potential growth.	Explain how economic decisions affect the well-being of individuals, businesses, and society.  Evaluate alternative approaches or solutions to current economic issues in terms of benefits and costs for different groups and society as a whole.  Analyze the role of innovation and entrepreneurship in a market economy.	RI 6.4,7 SL. 6.1-2 SL. 6 L. 6.1-6 RI 7.3-4 RI.7.7 SL. 7.1-2 SL. 7.4 L. 7.1-6 RI 8.3-4 RI. 8.7 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.  Objectives: Define market and need. Describe the importance of identifying market and need when entrepreneurs develop new product ideas.	Career Ready Practices Communicate clearly, effectively and with reason. Use technology to enhance productivity. Work productively in teams while using cultural/global competence.	RI 6.4,7 SL. 6.1-2 SL. 4 L. 6.1-6 RI 7.3-4 RI.7.7 SL. 7.1-2 SL. 7.6 L. 7.1-6 RI 8.3-4 RI. 8.7 SL. 8.1-2 SL. 8.4 L. 8.1-5
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.  Objectives:  Participate in creative idea generation, from brainstorming to defending and selecting an idea.  Recognize creativity and innovation as necessary entrepreneurial skills for starting a business.	Grade 7 SS.7.6 Differentiate between goods and services.  Career Ready Practices Act as a responsible and contributing citizen and employee.  Demonstrate creativity and innovation.	RI 6.4,7 SL. 6.1-2 SL. 4 L. 6.1-6 RI 7.3-4 SL. 7.1-2 SL. 7.64 L. 7.1-6 RI 8.4,7 SL. 8.1-2 SL. 8.4 L. 8.1-5



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Session Four: Market Research  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.  Objectives:  Discuss the importance of market research in the product development process.  Describe multiple types of survey questions.	History Conduct short research projects to answer a question, drawing on several sources.  Career Ready Practices Apply appropriate academic and technical skills.  Use technology to enhance productivity.	RI 6.1-2 RI 6.4,7 SL 6.2 SL 6.4 L. 6.1-6 RI 7.1-2 RI.7.4,7 SL 7.2 L. 7.1-6 RI 8.1-2 RI 8.4,7 SL 8.2 L. 8.1-5
Session Five: Design and Prototype Students learn about the product design and prototype process. Each student creates a product sketch to showcase their product idea.  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.	Career Ready Practices Demonstrate creativity and innovation. Use critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.	RI 6.4,7 SL 6.1-2 SL 6.4-7 L. 6.1-6 RI.7.4,7 SL 7.1-2 SL 7.4-5 L. 7.1-6 RI 8.4,7 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 pitch their product idea to the volunteer and teacher. Guest judge(s) may be invited to award teams with faux start-up funds.  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.	Economics Describe the roles of institutions such as corporations, non-profits, and labor unions in a market economy.  Career Ready Practices Communicate clearly, effectively and with reason. Use technology to enhance productivity.  Work productively in teams while using cultural/global competence.	RI 6.4,7 SL 6.1-2 SL 6.4-6 L. 6.1-4 RI.7.4,7 W. 7.6-7 SL 7.1-2 SL 76 L. 7.1-4 RI 8.3-4 RI 8.7 W 8.7 SL 8.1-2 SL 8.4-6

