#### SOUTH DAKOTA CAREER ADVISORS

# **LESSON PLAN**

# JOB SEEKING SKILLS: APPLICATION, COVER LETTER, THANK-YOU LETTER

Grade Range: 10-12

Time Needed: 90 Minutes (20 minutes job application, 35 minutes Cover letter, 35 minutes Thank you)

### **Learning Objectives**

- Demonstrate job seeking skills.
- Students will be able to create an effective cover letter utilizing proper format.
- Students will understand the importance of sending a thank you letter after a job interview.
- Students will be able to create a proper Thank you letter in proper format.

## Supplies/Materials

- Internet access
- PowerPoint
- Black/blue pen
- Paper
- Job application template
- Cover letter template
- Thank you letter template
- 1. Go through the PowerPoint with students.
- 2. Have students fill out the job application from DLR.
- 3. Cover letter lesson plan
  - a. Pass out cover letter template
  - b. Two sample sheets
- 4. Thank you letter lesson plan
  - a. Pass out thank you template.
- 5. Activity:
  - a. Careeronestop.org
  - b. Job search:
    - 1) Have students find an open position in a field they are interested in.
    - 2) Students will complete a cover letter and thank you letter for that position.
      - 1. With the help of the presenter.

## **Process Questions:**

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### **SOURCES**

Job application:

Department of Labor Application.

## Cover letter lesson plan

a. http://www.laep.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/Cover-Letter.-Lesson-Plan.pdf

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# Thank you letter lesson plan

b. https://secure.collegeincolorado.org/Images/CiC/pdfs/pro/thank\_you\_letter.pdf

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