

# JA It's My Business! – Blended

Session Details	VT Global Citizenship Standards	Common Core ELA
<p><b>Session One: Entrepreneurs</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Define entrepreneurship and social entrepreneurship.</li> <li>Identify entrepreneurial characteristics and recognize strengths and areas of potential growth.</li> </ul>	<p>H&amp;SS7-8:1 Students initiate an inquiry by asking focusing and probing questions that will lead to independent research and incorporate concepts of personal, community, or global relevance.</p> <p>H&amp;SS7-8:18 Students show an understanding of the interaction/interdependence between humans, the environment, and the economy by examining how producers in the U.S. and/or world have used natural, human, and capital resources to produce goods and services, and predicting the long term effects of these uses</p>	<p>RI 6.4,7 SL. 6.1-2 SL. 6 L. 6.1-6</p> <p>RI 7.3-4 RI.7.7 SL. 7.1-2 SL. 7.4 L. 7.1-6</p> <p>RI 8.3-4 RI. 8.7 SL. 8.1-2 SL. 8.6 L. 8.1-5</p>
<p><b>Session Two: Market and Need</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Define market and need.</li> <li>Describe the importance of identifying market and need when entrepreneurs develop new product ideas.</li> </ul>	<p>H&amp;SS7-8:2 Students develop a hypothesis, thesis, or research statement by predicting results, proposing a choice about a possible action, or exploring relationships between facts and/or concepts.</p> <p>H&amp;SS7-8:4 Students conduct research by referring to and following a detailed plan for an inquiry, and locating relevant materials such as print, electronic, and human resources</p>	<p>RI 6.4,7 SL. 6.1-2 SL. 4 L. 6.1-6</p> <p>RI 7.3-4 RI.7.7 SL. 7.1-2 SL. 7.6 L. 7.1-6</p> <p>RI 8.3-4 RI. 8.7 SL. 8.1-2 SL. 8.4 L. 8.1-5</p>
<p><b>Session Three: Innovative Ideas</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participate in creative idea generation, from brainstorming to defending and selecting an idea.</li> <li>Recognize creativity and innovation as necessary entrepreneurial skills for starting a business.</li> </ul>	<p>H&amp;SS7-8:20 Students make economic decisions as a consumer, producer, saver, investor, and citizen by examining the causes and long-term effects of people’s needs and/or wants exceeding their available resources, and proposing possible solutions.</p>	<p>RI 6.4,7 SL. 6.1-2 SL. 4 L. 6.1-6</p> <p>RI 7.3-4 SL. 7.1-2 SL. 7.64 L. 7.1-6</p> <p>RI 8.4,7 SL. 8.1-2 SL. 8.4 L. 8.1-5</p>

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<p><b>Session Four: Market Research</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Discuss the importance of market research in the product development process.</li> <li>▪ Describe multiple types of survey questions.</li> </ul>	<p>H&amp;SS7-8:5 Students develop reasonable explanations that support the research statement by choosing and using appropriate methods for interpreting information, such as comparing and contrasting, summarizing, illustrating, generalizing, sequencing, synthesizing, analyzing, and/or justifying (e.g., analyzing information to determine why two historical accounts of the same event might differ.)</p>	<p>RI 6.1-2 RI 6.4,7 SL 6.2 SL 6.4 L. 6.1-6</p> <p>RI 7.1-2 RI.7.4,7 SL 7.2 L. 7.1-6</p> <p>RI 8.1-2 RI 8.4,7 SL 8.2 L. 8.1-5</p>
<p><b>Session Five: Design and Prototype</b> Students learn about the product design and prototype process. Each student creates a product sketch to showcase their product idea.</p> <p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Represent a product idea and its features by using rough sketches and drawings.</li> <li>▪ Recognize sketches as an important first step in the prototype process.</li> </ul>	<p>NA</p>	<p>RI 6.4,7 SL 6.1-2 SL 6.4-7 L. 6.1-6</p> <p>RI.7.4,7 SL 7.1-2 SL 7.4-5 L. 7.1-6</p> <p>RI 8.4,7 SL 8.1-2 SL 8.4-5 L. 8.1-5</p>
<p><b>Session Six: Seek Funding</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Discuss the elements that make a strong pitch presentation to potential investors.</li> <li>▪ Work together to create and deliver a product pitch for potential funding.</li> </ul>	<p>H&amp;SS7-8:20 Students make economic decisions as a consumer, producer, saver, investor, and citizen by analyzing influences on buying and saving, and analyzing factors involved in the production of a product or service.</p>	<p>RI 6.4,7 SL 6.1-2 SL 6.4-6 L. 6.1-4</p> <p>RI.7.4,7 W. 7.6-7 SL 7.1-2 SL 7.-6 L. 7.1-4</p> <p>RI 8.3-4 RI 8.7 W 8.7 SL 8.1-2 SL. 8.4-6</p>