



COLLEGE KNOWLEDGE AND NAVIGATION

Beginning ESL Literacy

Students learn about the educational system in the United States and fill out a chart about their educational background.

Lesson objectives:

- Learn about the U.S. education system
- Describe your educational background

Warm up

- Before class: write the lesson objectives on the board.
- Write *elementary school, middle school, high school, college, university* and *trade and vocational schools* on the board.

Presentation

- Ask Ss if they have children in school. If so, ask which grades their children are in. Write the answers on the board.
- Describe the school system in the United States.
- Explain that there are thirteen grades in the elementary and secondary school system (kindergarten; first through twelfth).
- Tell Ss that elementary school consists of kindergarten through fifth or sixth grades. Middle school consists of fifth or sixth through eighth grade.
- Tell Ss that high school consists of ninth through twelfth grades. High school is called secondary school.

- Explain that college, university and vocational/ trade school are called post-secondary schools. Explain that these schools teach job-specific skills.
- Ensure Ss understand how the school system in the United States is structured.
- Give each S a copy of the Activity Worksheet.
- Tell Ss they need to be able to describe their educational background to employers. Explain that many jobs require post-secondary education so it's also important for them to set educational goals.
- Ask Ss to fill out the chart. Walk around and help as needed.

Evaluation

- Ss add the completed Activity Worksheet 7A to their Career Portfolio.



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Name: _____

Type of School	I completed this.	I'd like to complete this.
Elementary School		
Middle School		
High School		
College/University		
Vocational/Trade School		