**Lesson Title**: Success in the Field of Construction

**Subject**: Career Exploration

**Grade Level**: 9th Grade

**Materials Needed**:

* Ability to show the Success in the New Economy (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zs6nQpVI164&feature=youtu.be>
* Access to computer lab
* AGC / Build-Oregon Construction Trading Cards
* Essay worksheet

**Objective**: Students will be exposed to the opportunities that exist in the field of construction. Students will be able to identify at least one technical career and describe the pathway.

**Plan**:

1. Open with a discussion of what success looks like after high school.
2. Explain the following equation: Passion + Ability + Income = Success – lead a discussion about the importance of being passionate about your work and how adding skill and income equals future success.
3. Show the Success in the New Economy video.
4. Lead a discussion about the current opportunities that are available in the trades.
5. Have each student randomly pick a AGC / Build-Oregon trading card along with the essay requirements.

**Are you built for a job in the field of construction?**

You have just picked a trading card and you need to decide if this career would be a good fit for you. Do some research on the following websites and write an essay that includes the following:

1. Begin by describing the basic duties of the skilled trade. Job title and job description
2. Salary, insurance benefits and retirement options
3. What is the minimum amount of education that is required?
4. Is there a
5. Typical job site conditions
6. What is the predicted need in your specific trade over the next three years in the state of Oregon?
7. Find two Oregon companies that are looking for people in your trade
8. Based on what you learned about this trade would it be a good fit for you? Why or why not?

Websites:

Build Oregon: [www.build-oregon.com](http://www.build-oregon.com)

Build Your Future: <http://byf.org/index.php>