

Notes:**Educator states:**

Did you know that research has proven that if you follow three simple steps in your life, you have a 97% chance of success?

1. Get at least a high school degree.
2. Get a full-time job.
3. Get married before having children.

In fact, the [latest research](#) shows that 97% of young people who follow all three steps are not poor as adults. And 90% of young adults who complete the first two steps (graduate high school and get a full-time job) are not poor in their 30s. In comparison, half of adults in their 30s who missed all three steps (52%) are in poverty.

[Click on the link to the optional success sequence videos in the curriculum platform under 8.1]

Let's review the steps in detail.

[Review each step in detail]

Let's listen to the life stories of people who learned about the success sequence and applied it to their lives. Remember, anyone can start applying these steps no matter where they find themselves.

[Click on the "Straight talk about the Success Sequence Videos." Each video is 6 minutes long. Watching all three videos takes about 20 minutes.]

[Write on the board two choices for writing activities. Distribute the alternative success sequence handout. Ask the class to provide some examples of what someone can write for each activity.]

Your Plan for Success

Pick a scenario and complete the activity. Be prepared to share the activity tomorrow.



Scenario 1

Write a letter from the perspective of either your future child or any child to their future parents. Your letter should include what that child needs to grow up healthy and happy and what that child hopes for in life.

Scenario 2

Write out your plan to shape your own destiny for success. Provide details about what you need to follow the success sequence.

- What do you need to finish high school and graduate?
- What kind of full-time job do you need?
- What can you do now to prepare for a full-time job you might be interested in pursuing?
- If you plan to have children in the future, what can you do now to be sure that your plan includes having children after marriage?
- If you don't plan to have children in the future, what are your plans for how to avoid an unplanned pregnancy?

