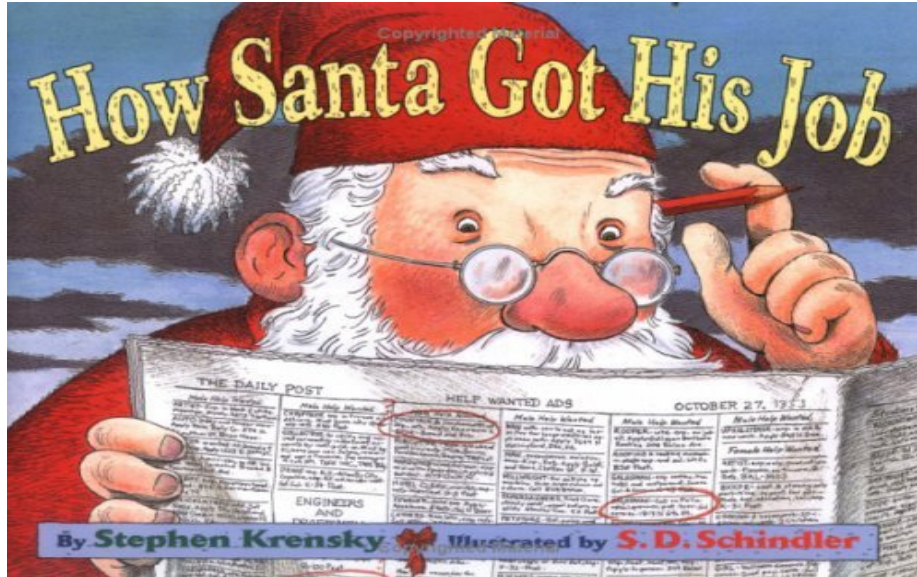


How Santa Got His Job – Learning Activity



This activity is designed to help learners understand the new workplace and how individuals today often have to create themselves hybrid career occupations.

1. Take a minute to read *How Santa Got His Job*. Perhaps someone in the group will volunteer to be the storyteller for the group. You can even serve milk and cookies.
2. Individually reflect on your own personalities and skill sets. Make a list and then check to see how many of these items are useful in the work you have found for yourself.
3. Again individually, think of one of your students or clients and try to apply the Santa theory to how their skills set shapes their career selection. Make a list.
4. As a group discuss your own story, or stories of people you know who have created their specialized jobs in the same manner as Santa.
5. As a group discuss what these individuals did to create specialized jobs. What education combinations did they need? Did they need to be reflective? Did they need to learn from their life history?

Krensky, Stephen. (1998) *How Santa got his job*. New York, Simon & Schuster

Also available by Stephen Krensky is *How Santa lost his job*.