

# 3rd-5th TALKING TIPS: Meet a Local Leader

Guest speaker and teacher—review this document prior to the classroom visit.

Hello everyone! My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I used to be a \_\_\_\_\_ grader.

“Today, I’ll share a little bit of my background with you and how I came to be a \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Business Owner, Manager, Supervisor, Volunteer, Mayor, City Council Member, etc.*

“But before we get started, here’s a photo of me when I was about your age.”  
This small act shows the students that you used to be one of them! You’re not so different. . .

If you were born in Alaska—share where that was. Alternatively, shed some light on how you or your family came to arrive in Alaska.

**Show of hands:** Who was born here? Who has lived in another place? **5 Min.**

Highlight your very first chores. What age were you? Other details?

**Show of hands:** Who has chores? What types? What does doing chores teach us? **5 Min.**

What was your first real job (paid or unpaid)? Share a key memory from it.

Share training you received after high school: College, Military, Vocational School, Other?

Describe two important functions that you perform in your current role: one that you enjoy and one that is more of a struggle. Emphasize that you tackle both tasks to the best of your ability, asking for help when needed. Highlight problem-solving tools—like brainstorming, listening, communicating, being flexible and open-minded, etc.

“But I’m not always working. I also like to have fun.” Share a favorite hobby or interest.

**Show of hands:** What do you do for fun? What interests you? **5 Min.**

Let the students know that it was very nice to meet them. Tell them that their teacher has a worksheet for them to complete—and speaking of work—you’ll be getting back to yours.

The teacher will decide which coloring pages or word search puzzles to print from the AlaskanOwned.com Classroom Visits page.

The teacher can ask for volunteers to send finished coloring pages to display at the speaker's place of business. We encourage guest speakers and teachers to complete our Feedback Form @ AlaskanOwned.com on the Classroom Visits page. Once a quarter, names are drawn to send small gifts to teachers and students.