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How the Book Is Organized

Page 6. Yaro the Super Sleuth in the Case of the Mystery Letter

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Story Themes: Family, friendship, overcoming self-doubt, self-confidence, being responsible, problem-solving, linking education and natural talents and abilities to real world careers, setting goals, hard work, achievement, career exploration, community involvement, healthy living, faith, and positive thinking.

Page 46. Appendix A. Name Origins: This section promotes family discussion around personal identity, the significance of your name, name origin, who named you, and why your name was chosen for you.

Page 46. Appendix B. Self-Discovery: This section encourages individuals to examine their natural talents, abilities, and interests. Links are explored between career possibilities available to one that encompasses those set of skills, talents, and

knowledge base. Self-awareness, hard work, a positive attitude and determination are emphasized as being essential toward achieving your goals.

Page 48. Appendix C. Dr. Howard Gardner's Multiple

Intelligences: This section focuses on the eight multiple intelligences and makes the direct link between which intelligences would correlate with the various career options. It also teaches that research states that intelligence is something that you can increase.

Page 49. Appendix D. Goal Setting: This section labels the process of setting and working toward achieving a goal through a set of progressive steps. Having a positive mindset is also focused on as a key component to goal achievement.

Page 50. Appendix E. The Blueprint: This section illustrates by example the complete process of setting a goal and seeing it through completion. Emphasis is on each individual, being the one ultimately responsible for achieving the success of their own goals and dreams. By creating a positive motto, slogan, or an affirmation, to mentally and emotionally support their efforts toward goal attainment.

Page 51. Appendix F. Character: Who You Really Are: This section focuses on the internal self and the importance of having and maintaining positive character traits. There is a connection made between the requirement of having and maintaining positive characteristics as a professional requirement for some careers.

Page 52. Appendix G. The Power of Faith and Belief: This section honors the legacy and contribution of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. With an emphasis on having a dream, plan, faith, and be willing to stick to your convictions and work hard toward the realization of your dream. The message here is how well one handles adversity as well as having an opportunity to fulfill your dreams are determining factors in goal attainment.

Page 53 Appendix H. Making it Happen in Your School: This section discusses how schools can bring the world of work into their schools through the local Junior Achievement organization. As well as inviting parents into the school to share with the students about their various professions. Some local companies might be willing to host some students at their jobsite to give students a first hand look at real work opportunities. Included in this section are career awareness web sites for children, teens, parents, and educators.

Page 54. Appendix I. Parents' Role: This section discusses the parents' primary role in cultivating their children's life journey toward success.

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