eDay LESSON 1-JUNIORS
Getting to Know Your Profession

Name_____

Class _____

OVERVIEW:
This lesson will assist students in discovering the tasks, tools, knowledge, skills, abilities training, values, wages, and growth trends for their profession of choice.

DIRECTIONS:
STEP ONE
Please go online to the following address…
www.onetonline.org

STEP TWO
In the "Occupation Search" section in the middle of the page (look for the blue key symbol), please type in the occupation that most closely fits what you hope to do in the future as a career. For example, welder, automotive technician, engineer, or nurse would all be sample keywords you could easily insert into the search box next to "Occupation Search". Then, hit the grey arrow next to the search box.

You will be taken to a new page which will offer several specific positions that fall under that particular occupation/profession. Please choose the one that most closely resembles what you would like to do in the future and click it. Please note that more positions can be accessed simply by clicking on the "Show All Occupations" link at the bottom of the page.

STEP THREE
Once you have selected the occupation that most closely resembles what you would like to do in the future, please answer the following questions about that occupation using the information offered to you from the site. If you want to start a new search or research another occupation, simply go back to STEP ONE.

What are three of the tasks that you will be required to do in this position that appeal to you?

Name three tools or the specific technology that you will be required to use in this occupation.

What are five specific pieces of knowledge that you will need to be successful in this profession?

What are three skills you will need to effectively perform this job?

What are three abilities you will need to have to successfully work in this profession?

Name five work activities that this occupation will require of you that you find interesting or you think would be satisfying.

What education/training do you need for this position?

Work values are qualities that you need to feel good about the job you do. What are the work values for this particular occupation? Do these values match your own work values?

What are the median (average) wages for this profession? What does the 10 year growth for this profession look like?

Review the wage and employment trends for the state of Ohio by selecting Ohio from the drop down list under the "Wages and Employment Trends" section. How does Ohio compare to the national averages of wages and trends?

ALTERNATIVE ASSIGNMENT FOR STUDENTS WITHOUT ONLINE ACCESS:
Students can utilize district computers before, during, or after the school day and may also choose to complete the assignment at a public library. However, students can also choose to complete the following assignment.

DIRECTIONS:
Choose someone who has a great deal (more than 15 years) of work experience and interview him/her asking the following questions and writing down his/her responses.

Person's Name, Occupation, and Place of Employment:

What led you to this particular occupation? Why did you choose it?

Are you happy and satisfied in this position? Why or why not?

What are three of the tasks that you are required to do in this position that appeal to you?

Name three tools or the specific technology that you are required to use in this occupation.

What are five specific pieces of knowledge that you need to be successful in this profession?

Name five work activities in this occupation that you find interesting or satisfying.

What kind of education/training did you need for this position?

Work values are qualities that you need to feel good about the job you do. What are the work values for this particular occupation? Do these values match your own work values?

What are the median (average) wages for this profession? What is the growth outlook like for this profession? Is this field currently in demand?

What advice would you give to someone just starting his/her professional career? What do you know now that you wish you would have known before?