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## HOW PROFESSIONS CHANGE OVER TIME

Choose an adult to interview about their work. Set up a time for the interview. Review the following questions for the discussion. Draft additional questions.

**Your goal is to discover why your interviewee chose their profession.**

### QUESTIONS

- WHAT WAS THE ORIGINAL MISSION OR PURPOSE OF THIS PROFESSION?
- WHAT DID WORKERS IN THIS PROFESSION ORIGINALLY DO?
- HOW DID PEOPLE ORIGINALLY ENTER THIS FIELD OF WORK? (FOR EXAMPLE. WHAT WAS THEIR EDUCATION, THEIR TRAINING, OR THEIR FAMILIAL OR RELIGIOUS BACKGROUND?)
- HOW HAS THIS PROFESSION CHANGED OVER TIME? HAS ITS MISSION CHANGED? HAS THE NATURE OF THE WORK CHANGED? HAS THE NATURE OF THE PEOPLE BECOME INVOLVED IN IT CHANGED?
- WHAT ARE SOME OF THE ASSUMPTIONS OR BELIEFS PEOPLE IN SOCIETY HAVE ABOUT THIS PARTICULAR AREA OF WORK? BASED ON YOUR RESEARCH, ARE THOSE ASSUMPTIONS TRUE?
- THINK ABOUT A WORKER IN THIS PROFESSION. WHAT IS THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO THE PROFESSION? TO SOCIETY?

**Create a summary describing what you have learned about your profession (e.g. a 3-5 page paper, a drawing, a video).**

#### **Discussion Questions:**

- Why do people work?
- What do workers get out of their work?
  - What are the benefits to society?
- Are there ever any negative consequences for society?