

Card Game

Instruct each youth to cut apart the fourteen cards. Hand out the card game activity sheet as well. Allow them time to read over the cards and tell them to think about each quality and how it applies to them as an individual.

Script:

These are 14 qualities that most people look for in a job:

Service - To contribute to making the world a better place

Location - To live where I want to live

Loyalty - To be loyal to the company and my boss and to have their loyalty in return

Security - To have a secure and stable position

Prestige - To be seen as being successful, as having stature

Expertise - To be recognized as an authority in what I do

Power - To have influence over others

Health - To maintain physical fitness and enjoy normal good health

Enjoyment - To like my work, to have fun in it

Family - To have ample time with my family

Wealth - To have a great deal of money

Achievement - To accomplish important things, to do work that is personally challenging, that helps me grow

Friendship - To work with people I like and to be liked by them

Independence - To have freedom of thought and action

Don't wait for things to happen to you. Make them happen for you. Find out about yourself. What are the things that you like to do? What is important to you in a job?

Which of the 14 qualities are most important to you? Choose your ten most important and write them down. Put the other four qualities to the side.

Pretend you have been offered a job. Are these the ten qualities you would like to have in a new job? Get a verbal response from some of the students. When we are searching for a job it is important to keep in mind what is important to us. But every job you have is not going to be perfect.

Uh-oh. You're going to have to give up one of your ten qualities. Which one will you sacrifice? Why? Have youth cross off the quality on their list, by drawing a single line through it. Discuss which qualities they are giving up and why.

Now two more qualities have to go. Think about your decision carefully. What reasons did you have for making the choices you did? How hard was this decision? Cross these off of the list also.

Okay so I have some GOOD NEWS! You can take one of the old qualities back. Which one will you take back? Why? Have youth circle one of the qualities that was previously crossed off the list.

Unfortunately for most of us we can't always get a job that has every quality we want, especially when we are young and still working on our education and learning new skill. So suppose you could have only one quality? Which would you choose? Why?

Take a few minutes to think about what decisions you just made. Why would you like to have the qualities you finally chose? Are these the things in life and in a job that really matter to you?

Keep this list with you and think about it as you are considering what type of career you want to pursue in the future.