

Chapter 18 Lesson 1: Changes During Adolescence

Introduction:

In this lesson, you learned about the physical, mental, emotional, and social changes that occur during adolescence. One task you may face during your teen years is setting vocational goals for the future. Choosing an occupation is an important step in becoming a self-sufficient adult. At this Web site, you can find out about the job outlook for the future, including which job sectors are most likely to grow between now and 2014. You will also learn about what kind of education and training you will need to prepare you for jobs in the fastest-growing fields.

Links to Explore:

Tomorrow's Jobs

<http://www.bls.gov/oco/oc02003.htm>

Directions:

- Click on the link and read the article, including the various charts.
 - Answer the following questions:
1. According to the Web page, what are the key factors that affect career opportunities?
 2. How are the relative numbers of men and women in the labor force expected to change between 2004 and 2014? Overall, will there be more men or women in the workforce?
 3. The article predicts that 18.9 million newwage and salary jobs will be created between 2004 and 2014. How many of these jobs are expected to be in service-providing industries, rather than goods-producing industries?
 4. Chart 4 shows the predicted growth in various service-providing industry divisions. Which of these "supersectors" is expected to grow the fastest between 2004 and 2014?
 5. While the manufacturing sector overall is projected to decline by 5.4 percent through 2014, pharmaceutical and medicine manufacturing is expected to grow by 23.2 percent during this same period. Why?
 6. Chart 7 shows the 20 fastest-growing occupations in the United States. Into what two broad categories do most of these occupations fall?

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Answers:

1. The relationships between the population, labor force, and the demand for goods and services
2. Men's share of the labor force is expected to decrease, while women's share is expected to increase. However, men will still account for slightly more than 50 percent of the labor force.
3. 18.7 million
4. Education and health services
5. Because of an aging population and increasing life expectancies
6. Computer and healthcare occupations

Additional Links to Explore:

Use the links below to gather additional information on the activity topic. When appropriate, have students extend their research to include important concepts contained in these Web sites.

What Do You Like?

<http://www.bls.gov/k12/>

Career Voyages

<http://www.careervoyages.gov/>

Job Profiles

<http://www.jobprofiles.org/>