

The Trades Report

Student Worksheet: Exploring Skilled Trades

Name: _____ Date: _____

Course: _____ Teacher: _____

Part A: What Do You Already Know?

1. When you hear the words skilled trades, what comes to mind? Write 3–5 words or phrases below.

Part B: The Four Trades Sectors

2. With your group, your teacher will assign you ONE trade sector. Use the newsletter to complete the chart below.

Trade Sector	Example Trade	What They Do	Where They Work	Skills Needed
Construction				
Industrial				
Motive Power				
Service				

Part C: Is a Skilled Trade Right for You?

3. Answer the questions below honestly. There are no right or wrong answers.

a) Do you enjoy hands-on activities more than sitting at a desk? Why or why not?

b) What are two things you are good at (skills or strengths) that could be useful in a trade?

1. _____

2. _____

c) Do you prefer work where you can see a finished product at the end of the day? Explain.

Part D: Pathways in High School

4. Use the newsletter and your teacher's explanation to complete the chart below.

Program	Who Is It For?	Benefits	Notes / Questions
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Co-operative Education (Co-op)			
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OYAP (Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program)			
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SHSM (Specialist High Skills Major)			
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Dual Credits			
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Part E: Your Next Step

5. Based on what you learned today, would you consider exploring a skilled trade further? Explain your answer and list one next step you could take (for example, talk to a guidance counsellor, attend a career fair, or research a specific trade).
