**Discussion GUIDE: Automotive Careers**

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| **TEACHER DISCUSSION LEADERS:**  1. Lead a class discussion about Automotive careers using the Proposed  Student Discussion Questions and Prompts.  2. Discuss which high school CTE courses help students get ready for a  career in the Automotive industry.  3. Key Automotive introductory concepts include: a) Hand Tool Knowledge,  b) Basic Vehicle Maintenance, and c) Diagnostics and Troubleshooting.  4. Find additional Automotive resources on the TREES website at  <https://www.cteintrees.org/career-exploration-resources>. | **STUDENT OPTIONS:**  1. Take the Career Assessment in the *TREES Career Guide for Students*. Then,  review Automotive job titles on pages 38 and 39.  2. Take the *True Colors Personality Quiz* at  <https://www.ira.esc14.net/upload/page/0255/True%20Colors.pdf>.  3. Watch the 4-minute *Automotive Mechanic* video at  <https://youtu.be/BDmQpsKwTmE>.  4. Do your own research about Automotive careers to learn more.  5. Participate in a class discussion. |

Proposed Student Questions and Prompts

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| Q1a. What do people in Automotive careers do? Which Automotive jobs (page 38 of the *Career Guide for Students*) is of interest to you? Characteristics of Automotive professionals include:  ***Doers*** generally ‘hit the ground running,’ rarely procrastinate, and like a challenge. Automotive professionals in this pathway tend to have an aptitude for the industry. *Aptitude* is a natural ability to do something.  Q1b. What strengths did *True Colors* identify about you? | **In an Automotive career** you may detail vehicles, fix problems on cars, or even own your own business. You will keep track of time spent on each job, participate in many types of customer billing, and working with others. These are key parts of the profession. Keep in mind that mechanics must have excellent technical aptitude.  What skills might you need to improve to be more successful in an Automotive career? Skills are the ability to do something well. |
| Q2. What did you learn from the *Automotive Mechanic* video? | What skills do Automotive Mechanics need? Which of those skills do you already have? What skills might you need to improve for a successful Automotive career? |
| Q3. Do you know someone who works in the Automotive industry such as a  Mechanic, Auto Body Technician, Auto Shop Owner, Parts Specialist,  Salesperson, Service Writer, etc.? | What do they do at work?  What high school courses would help get you started an Automotive career? |
| Q4. What Automotive employers are in your local area? | *Gamboa’s Automotive* and *Midwest Auto Service are two* local Automotive employers. Can you list 3 more employers?  1.  2.  3. |