Trades Yesterday and Today

You learned about many trades of the past, but how do they relate to trades today?

1. What are some of the trades you learned about in the presentation?

2. What are some trades that are common today? Think about some of the services you or your family needs.

3. What are some of the ways you could learn a trade today? Can you still be an apprentice?

4. You learned about some of the people involved in the building trade in the mid-1800s. Who builds houses today? Do you think these people are tradesmen? Why?
5. When you get sick, who do you go see? Where do you get medicine if you need it? How is this the same or different from the mid-1800s?

6. The blacksmith made many things for the community. While there are still blacksmiths today, they generally do very specialized custom work. Where are the things the blacksmith made in the 1800s produced today? Where can you buy them?

7. If you want to purchase a new bedspread with a fancy pattern, where would you buy it? How was it made? How does this compare to a fancy weaver in the mid-1800s?

8. What material are your shoes made from? Do you know where they were made? How is this similar or different from a shoemaker in the mid-1800s?