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**What Are You Made Of?**

**CLE Skills Careers Exploration:**

***When people think about the skilled trades, several immediately spring to mind – electrician, plumber, welder, carpenter, for example. But opportunities in the skilled trades are much more extensive. From hairstylist to cook, painter to landscaper, automotive service technician to crane operator – and so many more. With hundreds of skilled trades careers to choose from, there are opportunities available to suit almost any interest. What’s more is that many in the skilled trades have better employment outcomes, better earning potential, and higher levels of job satisfaction and job security than those in other career areas. The skilled trades are vaster than you may realize. “What Are You Made Of?” offers a glimpse of these important professions and connects you based on your own unique qualities.***



**Task: Investigate and learn about potential skilled trades careers. Evaluate their suitability for you and your future.**

**Steps:**

1. **Go to the ITA’s “What Are You Made Of?” website located at** [**http://www.itabc.ca/youth**](http://www.itabc.ca/youth)
2. **Read through the various descriptor words that may describe you. Read them all first before selecting the 10 that best suit you.**
3. **Record the 3 Trades Careers selected for you here:**

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1. **Click on each of the 3 suggested trades. Read the job description, the income, what you learn in the job and who you work for. Do this for all 3 of the trades matched for you.**
2. **Click on 1 other trade that you have considered or that you are interested in that was not in your top 3 recommendations. Read the job description, the income, what you learn in the job and who you work for.**
3. **Click on 1 trade that you have no prior knowledge about, a trade that you may have never heard of before. Read the job description, the income, what you learn in the job and who you work for.**
4. **Complete the following “What Are You Made Of?” research and response sheet for 1 trade suggested for you, and 1 trade of your choice. Be prepared to share and present on your findings in groups and with the class as a whole.**

**“What Are You Made Of?” Research and Response Sheet**

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| **Trade: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |
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