PRE-VISIT ACTIVITY – Maker and Marketplace

DIRECTIONS: In early America people’s jobs or professions were often times different from the ones we know today. Using the word bank below, choose which profession you think matches each description.

1. The wheelwright makes wheels, as well as wheelbarrows, carts, and wagons.
2. The barber-surgeon helps heal wounds and broken bones, pulls teeth, cuts and shaves hair, and bleeds patients.
3. The weaver uses looms to weave yarn into cloth.
4. The tailor sews cloth into suits for men.
5. The potter uses clay from the ground to make ceramic dishes, figurines, and crocks for storing food.
6. The milliner was usually a woman shopkeeper who sold clothing accessories like shirts, shifts, aprons, neckerchiefs, caps, cloaks, hoods, hats, muffs, ruffles, and trim for dresses.
7. The hatter uses furs or wool felt to make hats for their customers.
8. The goldsmith makes jewelry and other objects out of gold.
9. The coppersmith makes objects out of copper.
10. The cooper uses different types of wood to make barrels, tubs, pails, and churns for carrying water, alcohol, flour, tobacco, and many other types of things.
11. The chandler makes candles and soap. Benjamin Franklin’s father was one.
12. The cabinetmaker makes furniture out of wood.
13. The butcher kills and cuts up animals like chickens, cows, pigs, and sheep, and then sells their meat to customers.
14. The blacksmith makes objects out of iron. They often put horseshoes on horses as well.
15. The silversmith makes objects out of silver, like teapots, tankards, and spoons.