PRE-VISIT ACTIVITY – Working in Early America

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 ________________________ makes wheels, as well as wheelbarrows, carts, and wagons.
2. The ________________________ helps heal wounds and broken bones, pulls teeth, cuts and shaves hair, and bleeds patients.
3. The ________________________ uses looms to weave yarn into cloth.
4. The ________________________ sews cloth into suits for men.
5. The ________________________ uses clay from the ground to make ceramic dishes, figurines, and crocks for storing food.
6. The ________________________ 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 ________________________ uses furs or wool felt to make hats for their customers.
8. The ________________________ makes jewelry and other objects out of gold.
9. The ________________________ makes objects out of copper.
10. The ________________________ 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 ________________________ makes candles and soap. Benjamin Franklin’s father was one.
12. The ________________________ makes furniture out of wood.
13. The ________________________ kills and cuts up animals like chickens, cows, pigs, and sheep, and then sells their meat to customers.
14. The ________________________ makes objects out of iron. They often put horseshoes on horses as well.
15. The ________________________ makes objects out of silver, like teapots, tankards, and spoons.

Barber-Surgeon  Tailor  Potter  Hatter
Cabinetmaker  Blacksmith  Weaver  Silversmith
Coppersmith  Chandler  Butcher  Wheelwright
Milliner  Goldsmith  Cooper  

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