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**CTE/Work Ethic**

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Objective: Students who enter the workforce must be taught the “ethics of work” in a way that relates to their personal lives as well as to the manufacturing environment that they will be a part of on a daily basis.

# Bell Ringer

As a teacher working with students on projects and assignments, I hear student say “Can’t you just give me the answer”

Why do students use this response?

Have you used this response?

# Introduction

In this lesson, you will be writing a response to the Miranda Lambert song called “**Automatic**”. In our society, we are seeing more and more people who want things to be easy. They live with the “entitlement” attitude in so many areas of their lives. Instant gratification is what is expected and they don’t want to put in the work and effort it truly takes to reap positive rewards in their lives.

# Resource

Listen to the Miranda Lambert song to answer the questions for your response.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2ksWKOy665o>

# Additional Resources

Here are additional resources to give more guidance to this work ethic.

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/science-choice/201606/10-reasons-we-rush-immediate-gratification>

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/pamdanziger/2017/09/19/why-instant-gratification-isnt-so-gratifying/#651666f25725>

# Assignment

You will be writing a paper for this lesson. You are to write your thoughts to the following questions. 1 page typed is the format we will use. Proper spelling and punctuation are expected. All papers will be typed. No exceptions. You are to **freely give your opinion** even if your opinion disagrees with the teacher.

Make an effort and write a well thought out paper. In the real world of work you will be paid to give an excellent effort, each and every day. Marginal effort in the workforce results in you getting fired, your company suffering the consequences of your poor effort, and customers not getting what they deserve and paid for. So with that being said, start out with good work ethic on the papers you write.



# Questions

1. What was your first response to the song? Did you feel any conviction that you may have this attitude in parts of your life? Explain and give the details.

2. Describe a time in your life that you wanted automatic results with minimal effort. A time when you didn't want to put the effort in but expected results that would only come from hard work and effort.

# Questions

3. Write about your favorite 2 lines in the song and why they hit home with you.

4. Describe in detail a situation in life in which the results were anything but “automatic”. In this situation, was the effort worth it?

# Questions

5. Once in a while in life, things do happen in a fashion that seem pretty much automatic. Describe a time in life when this happened to you and how you felt about the situation. Does it seem weird or feel odd to you to get something without earning it? Explain.

6. In regard to question 5, were you grateful? Why or why not?