Discover America

Students will identify career opportunities in various geographic areas in the United States.

Materials/Supplies
Map of the United States, computer with Internet access, other resources for research, paper, pen/pencil

Activity
- On a map of the United States, divide the country into geographic regions for research of occupational opportunities.
- Divide the class into teams of three to four students according to the area of the country they are interested in researching.
- Assign each team a different section of the country to research to determine career opportunities in that region.
- Have the teams write letters to Chambers of Commerce to gather information about career opportunities from selected sites within these sections.
- Ask them to also use the Internet or visit the library to obtain information about their region and the industries characteristic to that area.
- Have the teams compile or organize their findings in a written report.
- Ask the teams make an oral presentation to the class and suggest how findings may be used in decision making for their own career.
- Have each student decide upon a region which most interests him/her and write a paper on the decisions which brought about his/her selection of that region.

Option: Instead of using regions within the United States, have the teams research various countries throughout the world.
Evaluation
Students will be evaluated on their research, team reports and presentations, team participation, and decision papers.