

Generation Money: The Financial Reward of Babysitting

Classroom Discussion Prompt:

- Why is babysitting a good job choice for teens financially?

Vocabulary:

- **Income** (noun): the amount of money earned for a job
- Heard on the Air: “We’ve seen babysitters charge anywhere from ten to twenty dollars an hour, depending on the amount of children they are sitting for, so that’s a great **income** when you think of how it might compare to a fast food job or mowing lawns or things like that.”
- **Certificate of deposit**: A savings certificate entitling the bearer to receive interest; generally issued by commercial banks and are insured by the FDIC. The term of a CD generally ranges from one month to five years.
- Heard on the Air: “Babysitting just three hours a week at that rate and investing in a savings account or a **certificate of deposit**, Sam could have as much as thirteen thousand dollars after four years of high school.”

Channel One Daily News Quiz:

- Which of the following is *not* a reason why babysitting might be a better job than other options?
 - a. It is a lot easier than manual labor.
 - b. It often pays better than other jobs available to youth.
 - c. It might be more enjoyable than other jobs.
 - d.** It gives you better experience working in customer service than fast food jobs do.
- What reason from the text would support the argument that babysitting is especially good for teens who have busy, unpredictable schedules?
 - a. “It pays pretty good.”
 - b.** “It’s a lot easier than manual labor.”
 - c. “It’s more flexible in terms of what they can do in terms of the hours and how do it.”
 - d. “It’s probably a little bit more enjoyable.”

Explanatory Writing

Write an informative essay explaining the benefits of a babysitting as a job for teens. Use details from the video in your essay.