



The Sound of Blue-Collar Detroit: Opening Activity

Directions: Imagine you are a recent high school graduate looking for work. Read the following job description, and in the chart below list the pros and cons of accepting this job.

Job Description

A dynamic global automotive and industrial supplier is seeking an Assembly Operator 2nd Shift (3-11 pm) for our growing Detroit facility.

- Know and recognize auto parts
- Keep all parts identified and properly organized to avoid mixing
- Follow assigned procedures to complete assigned duties
- Report major manufacturing problems to Segment Leader, Supervisor, or Lead Person
- Maintain all necessary quality measurements and reporting
- Ensure manufacturing area is clean and organized
- Know how to load and unload machines
- Follow department rules, procedures, routines, and requirements to complete assigned duties
- Ability to work overtime and weekends required
- Starting pay \$11 per hour

Pros	Cons

Discuss with your partner:

- Would you accept this job? Why or why not?
- Do you think you would want to stick with this job your entire career? Why or why not?
- Do you think this is a fair wage for this type of work? Why or why not?
- How might your answer be different if you were in your late 20s and had a family with two children to support?
- How might other factors, such as the state of the economy and your own family background, influence your decision?
- If you did accept the job, how fulfilling do you think it would be? What do you think you would do with your spare time?