Teen Employability Skills

On a piece of paper, complete the following:

1. Reflect back on the business venture. List the skills that you believed you gained during that experience.
2. Employers are looking for different employability skills from teenagers. There are a few basic ones that all employers value. They are:

Initiative

Teamwork

Communication

technology use

problem solving

self management

good work ethic

willingness to learn

dependability and punctuality

positive attitude

self-confidence

preparation, planning & organizing

You probably possess a few of these and are working on others. Reflecting back to the business venture, which of these were developed, enhanced or applied during the business venture and how so? Which ones have you worked on/are working on in other areas of your life. Please write a paragraph on at least three in relation to either last week’s venture or your general life experience. I will be coming around also to engage in conversation around these employability skills.

Please hand in questions 1 & 2 by the end of class.

Question 3 is for homework with your parents.

1. You may not believe this but your parents do know a thing or three about you.

For this part, your parent will look at the list below and choose 5 qualities that best describe you by writing them down without telling you.

You will also select 5 qualities and write them down on a separate piece of paper.

After making your selections, have a discussion with your parents and record the answers. Discuss the qualities that were selected by both of you and the ones you differed on. Why did you select the ones you chose? Did you agree on the same qualities for the same reasons? Why did they see you differently? Did they have real life examples that you did not consider? Was it easy to choose 5 qualities for you? For your parent?

**Personal Characteristics**

social fun laid-back dependable organized precise

active serious hard-working shy independent mature

friendly mathematical bold team player sharing punctual

responsible cooperative persistent helpful outgoing patient

motivated curious studious good listener supportive creative

kind open-minded talkative understanding flexible honest

conscientious trustworthy deliberate enthusiastic energetic competent