

Initiative

The Work Ethic Site

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Learning Goal

- To understand initiative as a part of work ethic, to evaluate one's own initiative, and to learn to use initiative in appropriate and productive ways



Initiative in the information age

- Information age jobs make initiative very important
 - less direct supervision
 - high discretion workplace
 - key to competitive edge
- Distinguishes study of work ethic from more general lessons on employability skills
- Might need to overcome personality traits like shyness



Assignment 1

- Answer the questions for type of occupation you think you will enter
 - medical professionals (doctor, surgeon, dentist)
 - professionals (teacher, lawyer, accountant)
 - service (waitress, construction worker, cashier)
 - sales (insurance, sales in a department store)
 - full-time homemaker
 - unemployed
- Record your answers for use in small group discussion

