**Comparing Parenting to Other Careers**

Names: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

For this activity, compare parenting to other careers using descriptive phrases and examples. After filling out the chart, answer the questions in complete sentences.

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| Category:  | Parenting:  | Most other careers:  |
| Preparation received before getting job  |  |  |
| Job description in terms of how specific/general the responsibilities are  |  |  |
| Hours of responsibility  |  |  |
| Place of work  |  |  |
| Salary  |  |  |
| Overtime pay  |  |  |
| Pay raises based on merit  |  |  |
| Sick leave policy  |  |  |
| Professional/personal leave policy  |  |  |
| Retirement plan |  |  |
| Health/Life insurance plan  |  |  |

1. In terms of responsibilities and training for responsibilities, how does parenting compare with other careers? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. In terms of benefits listed in the chart, how does parenting compare with other careers?

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1. List some benefits of parenting that are not included in the chart.

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1. Why would filling out a chart like this be helpful when deciding whether or not to become a parent?

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