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1. Tell the history of papermaking.

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Describe the part paper products play in our society and economy.

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2. Learn about the pulp and paper industry.

a. Describe the ways the industry plants, grows, and harvests trees.

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| Plants: |  |
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| Grows: |  |
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| Harvests: |  |
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b. Explain how the industry manages its forests so that the supply of trees keeps pace with the demand.

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c. Tell how the industry has incorporated the concept of sustainable forest management (SFM).

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d. Describe two ways the papermaking industry has addressed pollution.

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3. Name at least four types of trees that are major sources of papermaking fibers. Then do the following:

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a. Discuss what other uses are made of the trees and the forestland owned by the pulp and paper industry.

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b. Describe two ways of getting fibers from wood, and explain the major differences.

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c. Tell why some pulps are bleached, and describe this process.

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4. Describe how paper is made.

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Discuss how paper is recycled.

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⬜ Make a sheet of paper by hand.

5. Explain what coated paper is and why it is coated.

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Describe the major uses for different kinds of coated paper.

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Describe one other way that paper is changed by chemical or mechanical means to make new uses possible?

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6. Make a list of 15 pulp or paper products found in your home.

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⬜ Share examples of 10 such products with your counselor.

7. With your parent's and counselor's approval, do ONE of the following:

⬜ a. Visit a pulp mill. Describe how the mill converts wood to cellulose fibers.

⬜ b. Visit a paper mill and get a sample of the paper made there. Describe the processes used for making this paper. Tell how it will be used.

⬜ c. Visit a container plant or box plant. Describe how the plant's products are made.

⬜ d. Visit a recycled paper collection or sorting facility. Describe the operations there.

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⬜ e. Using books, magazines, your local library, the Internet (with your parent's permission), and any other suitable research tool, find out how paper products are developed.

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Find out what role research and development play in the papermaking industry. Share what you learn with your counselor.

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8. Find out about three career opportunities in the papermaking industry that interest you.

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Pick one and find out the education, training, and experience required for this profession. Discuss this with your counselor, and explain why this profession might interest you.

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Explain why this profession might interest you.

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