

Artisan Group Profile Question Sheet

1. From Carey's description, what is involved in becoming a master craftsman?
2. How would you describe the working life of those in the craft shops?
3. What things seem most important to the master craftsman?
4. How does the work of the craft shop compare to jobs today?
5. Why did the craftsman societies block some journeymen from becoming masters?
6. What is the "mystery" of the trade, and why does Carey claim it is the rightful property of craftsmen?

7. Why is he worried about journeymen leaving the shop and working for the merchants of mass production furniture?
8. What seems to be happening to craft shops during this time period?
9. Why does Carey question the wisdom of workers who choose to work in the new industries?
10. What does Carey mean by wage slavery?
11. What specific things does he think craftsmen will lose if they join the new manufacturing economy?
12. Why does he believe the Friendly Societies offer hope for the future of the craftsmen?