homes of the future

14) DISCUSSION/INDIVIDUAL ACTIVITY

Objective: The student will examine and discuss proposed homes of the future.

Have students visit the following sites to see how Microsoft and Disneyland envision homes of the not-so-distant future.

- Microsoft's Home of the Future
- Innoventions Dream Home
- The Home of the Future

Lead students to discuss the technology used in the homes and how they would impact the home owners.

Questions for Discussion:

- What are some obstacles related to using advanced technologies in homes?
- How would the technology used in the Microsoft and Disneyland homes impact the families or individuals who might live in them?
- Which of the technologies would be most useful? Why?
- Which of the technologies would be the least useful? Why?

Have students use the internet and other resources to research a home of the future. Suggested Resources: How the Home of the Future Could Keep You Healthy and Future of the Smart Home

Lead students to discuss the technology used in the home and how they would impact the home owners.

Questions for Discussion:

- What are some obstacles related to using advanced technologies in homes?
- Which of the technologies in the dated dream homes are useful and commonly found in today's homes? Why?
- Which of the technologies in the future dream homes would be most useful? Why?
- Which of the technologies from Disney and Microsoft's Home of the Future did not carry into the modern world? Why?



Microsoft's Home of the Future

Innoventions
Dream Home

The Home of the Future

How the Home of the Future Could Keep You Healthy

Future of the Smart Home