**Technology Information Questions**

Is programming just for professionals?

Does your school employ programmers?

Could a bit of training as a programmer help your career?

Which elements in the procedure of creating a macro are similar to the steps in developing a program?

How can networks improve efficiency?

**Technology Timeline: Computers in the Workplace**

1900 to 1930: Most Americans grow up on farms and live in rural communities.

1930 to 1940: Number of factory workers increases and cities swell in population; soon they outnumber rural communities.

1950s: Computers invade the business environment, and the number of office “white-collar” workers increases.

1980: Personal computers enter the workplace, and office workers become knowledge workers. Office workers outnumber factory workers in the job market.

1993: The Internet becomes publicly available, and millions go online. Farmers number less than three percent of the population.

2002 to 2010: Seven of the ten fastest-growing occupations, according to the U.S. Department of Labor, are computer-specific jobs. The other three are desktop publishers, personal and home-care aides, and medical assistants.