

Lesson 11
READ THIS STORY #2, Basic

The Apprentice System

James likes to work with his hands. He can picture a finished project before he begins to shape it.

James wishes he had lived in the olden days when there was an apprentice system. He would have chosen to study with a famous cabinetmaker.

James would have worked for the man for seven years without pay. During that time, the cabinetmaker would have shown him all the tricks of his trade. James would have become skilled.

Then James would have moved to a new village to open his own shop. He would have practiced his craft and become successful. Then, he would have taken on an apprentice who would work for him.