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South Carolina: Our History, Our Home

Chapter 11: Progress and Poverty ~ Internet Activity

In this lesson, you will explore websites to learn about child labor at the start of the 20th century and compare to how children can be used as a labor force today.

Instructions: Click the links below and use the information from the websites to complete each item.

Visit [The History Place – Child Labor](#). Click “About These Photos” to read about the photographer, the photos, and child labor.

Return to the main page and scroll through the photos and read the captions. Click on any picture for a larger view.

1. What were the usual work hours for children during the late 1800s and early 1900s in American factories?

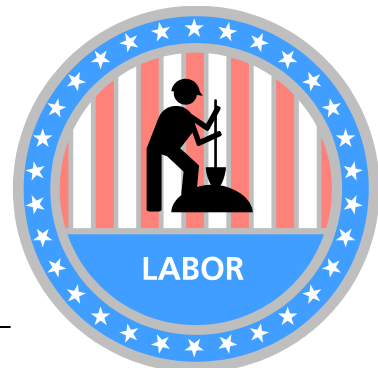
2. About how many hours per week did children and families work in these conditions? _____

3. According to the caption under “Group Portraits,” how much money might a youngster expect to earn for a day’s work? _____

Choose one set of pictures to answer the questions below.

4. To which category does your photo set belong (The Mill, Newsies, etc.)?

5. Write a sentence or two to “tell the story” of the photo set you have selected.



6. List two emotions that the photographer might have wanted to get from the viewers of his photographs.

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Let's take a closer look at South Carolina. At this link, you will find information from a booklet published in 1909 ([Account of Investigations Made in Cotton Mills of North and South Carolina](#)). Scroll down and examine the pictures and captions. Go to "page 11" and read about child labor in South Carolina.

7. List one piece of evidence that the official employment age was ignored by factory managers.

8. Give two examples to show that education for the mill children was inadequate.

If you think that laws passed in the state capitol don't affect you, then take a look at this link to information about [South Carolina Child Labor Regulations](#). Skim the document and then complete the following items.

9. What is a job that minors (children under 18 years old) can have when aged 12-13?

10. List three jobs that minors cannot have in the South Carolina because they are considered to be too dangerous.

11. Why do you think minors under the age of 16 are not allowed to work from 9:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.?

12. Do you think children are better-protected today than in 1909? Should more be done? Explain.
