Shirtwaist Factory Fire Quiz

Part I – Multiple Choice

1. When did the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire occur?

A. March 25, 1911
B. April 15, 1912
C. May 1, 1910
D. December 7, 1911

2. Where did the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire take place?

A. Chicago, Illinois
B. Boston, Massachusetts
C. New York City, New York
D. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

3. What type of clothing was produced at the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory?

A. Men's suits
B. Women's blouses, known as shirtwaists
C. Children's coats
D. Military uniforms

4. Who primarily worked at the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory?

A. Wealthy businessmen
B. Immigrant women and teenage girls
C. Government officials
D. College students

5. What was one major problem with the factory's working conditions?

A. Workers were paid too much
B. The building had too many exits
C. Doors & exits were restricted, making escape difficult
D. Workers had too many breaks

6. Approximately how many people died in the fire?

A. 25
B. 75
C. 146
D. 300

7. Why were many workers unable to escape the burning building?

A. They did not know where the building was located
B. Some doors were locked and the fire spread quickly
C. They were told to stay inside by firefighters
D. There were no stairs in the building

8. What happened to many workers who jumped from the upper floors?

A. They were rescued by police
B. They survived without injuries
C. They died after falling to the street
D. They landed on safety nets

9. What did the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire help lead to?

A. Fewer workplace regulations
B. Stronger workplace safety laws and reforms
C. The end of immigration to the United States
D. The closing of all factories

10. Why is the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire important in U.S. history?

A. It helped draw attention to unsafe working conditions and encouraged labor reforms.
B. It marked the beginning of the American Revolution.
C. It caused the United States to enter World War I.
D. It ended the Progressive Era.

Part II – True or False

11. The Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire occurred in 1911.

True / False

12. Most of the factory workers were wealthy business owners.

True / False

13. The fire exposed serious problems with workplace safety.

True / False

14. All workers were able to safely escape the building.

True / False

15. The fire contributed to changes in workplace safety regulations.

True / False

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Part III – Fill in the Blank

Word Bank

146 immigrant New York safety 1911

16. The Triangle Shirtwaist Factory was located in _____ City.

17. The fire occurred on March 25, _____.

18. Approximately _____ workers died in the disaster.

19. Many of the workers were young _____ women and girls.

20. The tragedy helped encourage stronger workplace _____ laws and regulations.

Part IV – Single Answer

21. What were two conditions at the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory that made the fire especially dangerous?

22. Why were the factory workers unable to escape easily?

23. How did the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire affect the Progressive Era?

24. Why did the tragedy lead to demands for government action?

25. What is one lesson that Americans learned from the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire?

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