

Factory Conditions & Child Labor During the Industrial Revolution

Part 1: Multiple Choice: Choose the best answer for each question.

1. Many factories during the Industrial Revolution were—
 - a. clean and quiet
 - b. unsafe and crowded
 - c. empty and unused
 - d. outdoors
2. Why did factory owners often hire children?
 - a. Children were highly educated
 - b. Children asked for high wages
 - c. Children could be paid less money
 - d. Children owned factories
3. What was one danger children faced while working in factories?
 - a. Too much vacation time
 - b. Dangerous machinery
 - c. Too many school activities
 - d. Comfortable working conditions
4. Which industry commonly used child labor?
 - a. Textile factories
 - b. Movie theaters
 - c. Computer companies
 - d. Airlines
5. What was one result of poor factory conditions?
 - a. Workers became healthier
 - b. Workers often suffered injuries
 - c. Factories became smaller
 - d. Workers worked fewer hours
6. Why did many families allow children to work in factories?
 - a. They needed extra money
 - b. Schools were too easy
 - c. Children wanted vacations
 - d. Factories offered free homes
7. What reform did Progressives support regarding child labor?
 - a. Longer workdays for children
 - b. Laws limiting child labor
 - c. More factory dangers
 - d. Fewer schools

8. During the Industrial Revolution, factory workers often worked—
 - a. short shifts
 - b. only weekends
 - c. long hours
 - d. one hour a day
 9. Which of the following was a common factory problem?
 - a. Clean air
 - b. Safe machinery
 - c. Poor ventilation
 - d. Short workdays
 10. Labor unions worked to improve—
 - a. factory safety and wages
 - b. child labor opportunities
 - c. pollution in rivers
 - d. railroad ticket prices
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Part 2: Fill-in-the-Blank

Word Bank

factories

wages

children

unions

unsafe

reform

machinery

hours

11. Many _____ during the Industrial Revolution had dangerous working conditions.
12. Workers often earned very low _____ for long days of labor.
13. Many _____ worked in factories instead of attending school.
14. Labor _____ fought for better working conditions.
15. Factory equipment and _____ could cause serious injuries.
16. Many workplaces were crowded and _____.
17. Progressive leaders pushed for _____ to improve factory conditions.
18. Factory workers often worked long _____ every day.