

Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire – Quiz #2

Part I – Multiple Choice

- 1. What floor of the Asch Building housed the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory when the fire occurred?**
 - A. The eighth, ninth, and tenth floors
 - B. The first, second, and third floors
 - C. The fourth, fifth, and sixth floors
 - D. The eleventh, twelfth, and thirteenth floors
- 2. What was one reason the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire spread so rapidly?**
 - A. Flammable materials were present in the factory
 - B. The factory was built entirely of concrete
 - C. Workers were using water to clean the floors
 - D. The building had no electrical equipment
- 3. Which group became especially active in pushing for workplace reforms after the Triangle fire?**
 - A. Labor and progressive reformers
 - B. Foreign diplomats
 - C. Military commanders
 - D. Railroad executives
- 4. Which government body in New York became associated with investigating and improving factory safety after the fire?**
 - A. The New York State Factory Investigating Commission
 - B. The United States Supreme Court
 - C. The Federal Reserve Board
 - D. The Interstate Commerce Commission
- 5. What did the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire demonstrate about many industrial workplaces of the era?**
 - A. Economic growth could occur alongside dangerous working conditions
 - B. Factories had already eliminated most safety problems
 - C. Workers were generally protected from industrial accidents
 - D. Government regulations had made factories completely safe
- 6. Why did the deaths of workers who jumped from the building become such a powerful image of the tragedy?**
 - A. They showed how desperate workers were to escape
 - B. They showed that the fire was outside the building
 - C. They proved that firefighters caused the fire
 - D. They demonstrated that the building was empty
- 7. The Triangle fire is most closely connected to which Progressive Era goal?**
 - A. Improving working and living conditions
 - B. Expanding overseas colonies
 - C. Reducing public education
 - D. Ending all private businesses
- 8. Which statement best describes the long-term significance of the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire?**
 - A. It became a symbol of the need for worker protection
 - B. It ended industrialization in New York
 - C. It eliminated labor unions
 - D. It caused the United States to enter World War I

Part II – True or False

9. The Triangle Shirtwaist Factory occupied three floors of the Asch Building.

True / False

10. The fire helped increase public concern about factory safety.

True / False

11. The Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire had no effect on workplace regulations.

True / False

12. The disaster became an important event in the history of the American labor movement.

True / False

13. The fire occurred during the Progressive Era.

True / False

Part III – Fill in the Blank

WORD BANK

safety

Asch

regulations

shirtwaists

14. The Triangle Shirtwaist Factory was located in the _____ Building.

15. The factory produced women's blouses called _____.

16. The fire became a major symbol of the need for better workplace _____.

17. The disaster helped encourage factory safety _____.