

Working in the United States

The men, women, and children who *really* built America

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- Industrialization brought about a _____.
- The _____ caused resentment among workers.
- The practice of laissez faire did not protect workers from _____, and the average life expectancy for those _____.
- Big business was largely _____ to vote pro-business. Corporate lawyers were also able to get _____.

The Gibson Girl

- Illustrations by _____ showed a _____ – the _____.
- She was _____, and invariably wealthy
- Her styles were _____ and hairstyles to meet the *haute couture*.

Child Labor

- Families grew smaller, and _____ to help provide for the family.
- Children as young as _____ (up to 19 hours a day) for _____ in horrible conditions.
- Children were using large, heavy, and dangerous equipment, and many accidents occurred _____ on the job.
- Children were _____, and sometimes factory owners would get away with paying them nothing.
- The treatment of children in factories was often _____.

Lewis Hine

- An American _____.
- _____.
- His photographs were instrumental in _____ in the United States.

Children in factories...Children in the mines. Why aren't the children at home or at school?

Children who worked in the mines had the worst conditions of all. Often they were required to provide their own candles and lanterns for light, so many worked without light. The caverns were cramped and the air was filled with fine black coal dust that caused a myriad of respiratory diseases, including Black Lung Disease. It was not uncommon for a mine shaft to collapse or for children to be maimed or killed from exploding dynamite. Most would not survive more than seven years working in the mines.

Newsies- _____

Newspaper Wars

- In the late 19th century, _____ emerged, gaining enormous wealth and prestige.
- _____ – a Hungarian immigrant, owned the New York World; established the Pulitzer Prize (for writing)
- _____ – created a vast _____ by buying a chain of newspapers across the country, including his flagship paper, the New York Journal
- The _____.
- The result – _____.

Unions: The _____

Company Towns

- Company towns - a _____, which serves as the major employer of the town. (e.g. Pullman, Chicago)

Unions: The Struggle to Organize:

Unions unite workers to achieve three basic goals:

- Better _____
- Better _____
- Better _____
- Many factory owners were _____.

Techniques to stop Unionization

- "Yellow dog" contracts- _____.
- Pinkerton detectives- _____.
- Blacklisting- _____.
- Lockouts- _____.
- Injunctions- _____.
- Scabs- _____.

The National Labor Union

- The National Labor Union (1866) lasted only 6 years, but grew to 600,000 members.
- Members: skilled, unskilled, farmers, some minorities and women
- Goals:
 - Arbitration
 - 8-hour workday
- Ruined by the _____

Great Rail Road Strike of 1877

- Cause: _____ (B&O).
- Response: _____; President Hayes sends in _____ when state militia proves ineffectual
- _____

Knights of Labor

- Led by _____
- Members: skilled, unskilled, women, blacks, no "non-producers"
- Goals:
 - Workers cooperatives
 - Better working conditions
 - 8-hour workday
 - Arbitration

Haymarket Riot

- Knights of Labor became involved in a series of _____.
- Haymarket Square Riot – Began as a _____. An unknown person threw a _____ . The bomb blast and ensuing gunfire resulted in _____ .
- _____; four were executed.

Molly Maguire's

- _____; associated with the Workingmen's Benevolent Association union
- _____ with management/owners failed; mine operators controlled the workplace, _____
- Molly Maguire's destroyed equipment, _____, sometimes injured or _____ and owners.

American Federation of Labor (AFL)

- _____
- Members: Made up of _____ only
- Goals: the "Pure and Simple" approach
 - Better wages
 - Better working conditions
 - Shorter hours
- Weapons used:
 - _____

Homestead Strike

- The Homestead Strike: A _____.
- Cause: _____
- Response: A battle between _____.
- Result: _____.

Pullman Strike

- Cause: _____
- Response: Federal injunction to stop the strike was ignored; _____
- Result: Failure.

Successes of Labor

- _____ (ICC)
- _____: enacted in an attempt to _____.
- Bark was worse than its bite, largely ineffectual
- "_____": businesses closed to non-union members
- _____;etc.
- Labor Day: _____.