

INFORMATION SOURCES

Fact sheet: **The history of child labour: from farm to factory**
worksite.actu.org.au/history-child-labour-farm-factory/

Fact sheet: **Child Labour** worksite.actu.org.au/child-labour/

Quiz: **Child Labour Quiz** worksite.actu.org.au/child-labour-quiz/



ACTIVITY 1: QUIZ

Check out the following link:

worksite.actu.org.au/history-child-labour-farm-factory/

1. According to *The history of child labour: from farm to factory* in 1778 what percentage of the workforce in British textile mills were children?
 - a) Less than 20%
 - b) More than 60%
 - c) 100%
2. List three reasons sourced from Worksite's webpage, *The history of child labour: from farm to factory* why children during the Industrial Revolution were employed instead of adults?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

3. Between 1791-1850 the average age a child started work was:

- a) 8
- b) 10
- c) 12

4. What workplaces were children typically employed in during the industrial revolution?

5. Describe one of the dangers the children were exposed to whilst working during the Industrial Revolution?

ACTIVITY 2: DIARY OF A CHILD LABOURER DURING THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION 1791-1850.

I have to work without a light and I'm scared. I go at 4 and sometimes half past 3 in the morning and come out at 5...I never go to sleep. Sometimes I sing when I've light, but not in the dark; I dare not sing then. I don't like being in the pit...I would like to be at school far better than in the pit.

Sarah Gooder, 8 years old. Extract from UK Parliamentary Papers, 1842, vol. XV-XVII, Appendix

Imagine a child labourer during the Industrial Revolution; write a short paragraph from their perspective. Think about the conditions of the workplace, the hours worked and the feelings that the child labourers may have experienced. Also imagine what the children were missing out on whilst they worked and what they may have been wishing for.



A young girl working in a textile factory.

ACTIVITY 3: : TIMELINE

Using the webpage [The history of child labour: from farm to factory](#) , match the year to the following standards:

1802

Minimum work age is 9 in all large factories. Children aged between 9 and 12 may only work 8 hours a day, and have 2 hours of compulsory education.

Write correct year on lines below

1833

Children may no longer work underground in mines

1842

Children's working day is 10 hours

1847

Minimum work age is 12

1901

Children's working day is 12 hours

ACTIVITY 4: CHILD LABOUR TODAY

Check out the following link worksite.actu.org.au/child-labour

1. Using the Worksite website as your source, how many children are estimated to be working in child labour today? _____

2. Why does child labour still exist according to the Child Labour webpage on Worksite? _____

3. What can we do to help prevent child labour? _____

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