

Assessing with Primary Sources

Grade Level: 3

Standard(s) or Objectives: CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.3.7: Use information gained from illustrations (e.g., maps, photographs) and the words in a text to demonstrate understanding of the text (e.g., where, when, why, and how key events occur).
CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.3.8: Describe the logical connection between particular sentences and paragraphs in a text (e.g., comparison, cause/effect, first/second/third in a sequence).

Library of Congress Resources:



Breaker boys, Woodward Coal Mines, Kingston, PA.
Created/published in 1900 by Detroit Publishing Co.

<http://loc.gov/pictures/resource/det.4a07285/>

Topic Background:

The Industrial Revolution took place over more than a century, as production of goods moved from home businesses, where products were generally crafted by hand, to machine-aided production in factories. This revolution, which involved major changes in transportation, manufacturing, and communications, transformed the daily lives of Americans as much as—and arguably more than—any single event in U.S. history.

Excerpted from:

http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/primarysourcesets/industrial-revolution/pdf/teacher_guide.pdf

Source(s) Used:

The source above is a photograph of young boys (Breaker boys) working during the Industrial Revolution in the 1900s.

Answer Key:

Question 1: C

Question 2: A

Directions: Look at the picture below and answer the questions that follow.

Industrial Revolution: Breaker boys
(Photograph by Detroit Publishing Co. in 1900)



Question 1: Based on this photograph, what would you best argue as the setting of this location? (CCSS.RI.3.7)

- A. The photograph is of the boys' home.
- B. The photograph is of an amusement park.
- C. The photograph is of the boys' place of work.
- D. The photograph is of a group of boys getting off of a train during travel.

Question 2: When did the Breaker boys' work most likely happen (before or after child labor laws), and why? (CCSS.RI.3.8)

- A. This happened before child labor laws, because these boys are very young and working hard in dirty conditions.
- B. This happened before child labor laws, because none of these boys are actually working in the picture.
- C. This happened after child labor laws, because the boys have all been banned from working.
- D. This happened after child labor laws, because these young boys are able to go to work.