**Lesson: Children at Work**

**Document 4: Child Labour Web Inquiry**

Instructions

Use the internet to do research in order to find the answers to the questions below.  On the last page of the handout there is a list of suggested internet sources you can use.  If you go outside this list make sure your source is a credible one on the topic [for example, place more trust in websites ending in .edu (education facility) or .org (organization) rather than .com which is a “for profit” organization or speak to your teacher about what a credible source is].  After answering each question, fill in the name of the internet source you used to get your information.

1. Find an official definition of child labour as described by a website authority on child labour and write it out below.

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1. In which Canadian province and in what year were children first prevented from working in mines?

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1. How many child labourers are there in the world?

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1. List four countries where child labour is common place still

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1. List five of the most common child labour jobs.

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1. List four common negative effects on the health of children who carry out long or hard continuous work.

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1. What social or economic factors contribute to child labour today?

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1. Go to [Introduction to Global Child Labor](https://laborcenter.uiowa.edu/sites/laborcenter.uiowa.edu/files/wysiwyg_uploads/clpepintrohandouts.pdf)/ found at the University of Iowa website. Look under “Unions and the Global Struggle Against Child Labor” on page 12.  After reading p. 12 answer the following questions.

8a. Describe what unions are doing or have done in two of the countries listed to end child poverty.

8b. Why do you think it is in the unions’ interest to end child labour?

Web Source:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Using all that you learned from the video, the information from the essay “Working Children” and the online research you’ve done, draw comparisons between working conditions for child workers in the 19th and early 20th century and child workers now.  What are the similarities and what are the differences?

**Suggested Web Quest Sources**

* International Labour Organization Website, “What is child labor?”

<http://www.ilo.org/ipec/facts/lang--en/index.htm>

* Annotated slide show on child labour, created by the ILO

<http://www.ilo.org/public/english/bureau/inf/wdacl/english.htm>

* [Child labour rises to 160 million – first increase in two decades (unicef.org)](https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/child-labour-rises-160-million-first-increase-two-decades)
* The Child Labor Education Project, University of Iowa Labour Center (English Only) <http://www.continuetolearn.uiowa.edu/laborctr/child_labor/>
* *The Canadian Encyclopedia*, “Child Labour”

[Child Labour | The Canadian Encyclopedia](https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/child-labour)

* Vancouver Sun blog post – “What British Columbian think they know about child labour”  July 16th, 2013 <http://blogs.vancouversun.com/2013/07/16/what-british-columbians-think-they-know-about-child-labour>
* *Huffington Post* blog post – “Canadian’s Choices Can Help End Child Slavery” July 18th, 2-13 <http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/debbie-wolfe/fair-trade-products-child-slavery_b_3616450.html>

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