

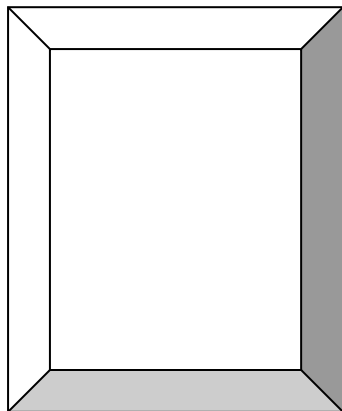
Working People: A History of Labour in BC

Lesson: Miners vs Dunsuirs

Document 3: BC Coal Miner Biography

Name: _____ (*life span*)

Place and date of birth: _____



Background: _____

Life and Work in B.C.

BC Coal Miner Background Information

What were the Push / Pull Factors for Immigration (if an immigrant) or reasons for moving to a coal town (if born in BC or elsewhere in Canada)?

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What were your sources for this information?

What reasons would your character have for choosing work in the coal mines?

What were your sources for this information?

Life and Work in BC

What reasons would your character have for striking?

What were your sources for this information?

What would life be like for your character after the strike?

What were your sources for this information?

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BC Coal Miner Biography Criteria

You will be given a worker name and birth place. Your job will be to compose a fictional biography for this worker. The goal is to make this biography as believable and historically accurate as possible. To do this follow the assignment criteria and use the source material to get your information.

Criteria

- Fill in the name, life span (years), birth date and place of birth.
- Draw a portrait of your worker, or find a believable photograph online to paste in the *portrait* box.
- Write a **Background** story for your character. The background should explain how and why your character came to BC or how and why he moved to a coal town if he was born here (push/pull factors). The background should also explain what job he does and why he chose it. **Use the source material to make sure your background details are historically accurate.**
- Write a **Life and Work in BC** story for your character. This should explain why your coal worker joined the strike. Describe conditions in the mine or a particular incident that made him want to join the strike. This should also describe what happens to your character after the strike. **Use the source material to make sure your life and work details are historically accurate.**
- Fill in the bibliography on the back of the biography. For each section, write down the source you used to get your details for each section.

Worker Names, Places of Birth, Dates of Birth

A. John McPherson	Inverness, Scotland	1841
B. Andy Carhill	Bristol, England	1852
C. Lee Xui	Guangdong Province, China	1845
D. Willie Mackenzie	Nanaimo, BC	1860
E. Richard Vaughn	Sacramento, California	1840