

By 1900 there were nearly 2,000,000 children under the age of 15 at work throughout the country. Children worked in many industries 12 hours a day, 6 days a week often for just pennies a day.

1. How many children were working in factories by the year 1900?
2. What reasons does the cartoon in the above left give for child labor?
3. What dangers do you see in the picture in the above right?
4. Why would a business owner want to hire children to work for him?
5. Why would the increase in inventions cause an increase in Child Labor?
6. What are two negative effects of child labor on the kids of this time period?
