

Student Essay on Facts about Child Labor in the Early 20th Century

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Essay

Ending child labor was the best thing to happen to the children in the beginning of the 1900's. It made the world a better place by getting children out of the factory and in to school. When the children worked in the factory they were being killed or seriously injured by the machines. Children need to go to school and get an education so they can get better work when they get older. Nobody wants to buy goods made by children.

Child labor was not only killing small children but also the future mothers and fathers of America. Children as young as 10 worked in factories, canneries, and mills. Some of the children would say "what are the machines saying...they are saying that they're hungry they have already eaten up the men and women so now they are eating the children." One statistic found 18.2 percent of the country's children between the ages of 10-15 were working. How would you feel if your child was killed when he/she was working with a dangerous machine"

Small children need to go to school so they can learn to read and write so in their future they can get a decent job. For any job, even in the 1900's to get a decent job you need to be able to read and write. Also, children grow up and have children of their own, how are they going to provide for their children if they do not have a decent paying job? There is no a reason why a 10-year-old child should be working in a mill or sweatshop.

Who wants to buy products made by children, teenagers or any workers that were stripped of their rights. The poor children had to work to make ends meet because their parents couldn't make enough money to support their family. The children were forced to work long hours, from dawn to dusk, and they were paid as little as 10-30 cents a day.

Ending child labor made the world a better place, it reduced child deaths and it got the children back in school. Child labor was physically, mentally and morally damaging. It led to the degeneration of hundreds of thousands of future fathers and mothers of this country. Child labor was the worst thing to happen to this country in the 1900's.