

Child Labor



Why was child Labor Used?



Where did they work

- Mines
- Glass factories
- Agriculture
- Textiles
- Canneries
- Home industries
(sewing, washing clothes)
- Newsboys
- Messengers
- Peddlers
- Shoe Shiners

What ended child labor in the USA



- Union Organizations
- Child Labor Reform
- Replaced by Machines

1836

Massachusetts passed a law that said children under the age of 15 need to attend at least 3 months of school a year



1842

Massachusetts
10 hour working day



1938

Fair Labor Standards Act

- Minimum ages for employees
- Regulated hours of working



Current Laws



Age Requirements

- 14 years old for non-hazardous
- 10-11 year olds can work in agriculture with parental consent
- 18 years old for hazardous
- 16 years old for hazardous in agriculture.

Hours

- NO Working during school hours
- 3 hours a day while school in session
- 18 hours per week when school is in session

- 8 hours per day
- 40 hours per week then overtime

Minimum Wage

- \$4.25 for the first 90 days in a row
- \$5.15
- Most Agriculture is exempt from minimum wage.

Reasons for Child Labor

- Poverty
- Unemployment
- Lack of required education
- Lack of free education
- Laws are easily broken
- Laws are hard to enforce

What did child labor do for the us?

- Broke our dependence for foreign fuel
- Started the Industrial Revolution
- Made our country the world power it is today.