

Children Who Worked

American children worked because some of them did not have parents to take care of them, and they needed money for food. Sometimes children were hired because they did not have to be paid a lot of money, they were good workers, and they could go in small places in factories that adults couldn't go. Children in America today do not work in factories for food anymore because of laws made by Congress to stop child labor.

American children worked in factories, in the coal mines, swept chimneys, and sold newspapers. Children worked dangerous jobs and could not go to school, which was terrible because grown-ups should be taking care of the children.

Their jobs were very dangerous and many children got hurt while working. Their fingers or other body parts were cut off while they were working on machines. The children got sick working in the mines or near chemicals in factories. Children were getting hurt so much that people wanted to change the laws to protect the children from working.

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