



From the Farm to the Factory— Writing Practice Activity

Choose one of the two situations below and follow the directions for the one that you choose.

Scenario 1:

You are a young woman or a ten-year-old child that works in a textile factory in New England in 1800.

Directions:

✎ Write a short letter, a diary entry, or journal entry describing the working conditions that you faced during a typical day at work.

Scenario 2:

You are a factory owner of a textile mill in New England in 1800.

Directions:

✎ Write a short letter, a diary entry, or journal entry describing the working conditions in your factory.

Use the following rubric when writing your piece.

Full Credit	Half Credit	No Credit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ·The letter or entry thoroughly and accurately addresses the required content by... ·including complete details of what conditions were like in the factories. ·evoking empathy for the narrator. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ·The letter or entry attempts to address the required content, but has some inaccuracies and... ·only includes sketchy details of what conditions were like in the factories. ·evokes some empathy for the narrator. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ·The letters or entry does not address the required content, has many inaccuracies, and ... · includes incomplete or no details of what conditions were like in the factories. ·evokes little or no empathy for the narrator.