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### Research & Writing Assignment

- 1) The people who testified
  - a) Joshua Drake- would rather have less wages and less work, wouldn't allow his children to work in these conditions
  - b) Mr. Matthew Crabtree- 22, started work at 8, two mile transit to the mill, beaten severely, fatigued after work
  - c) Mr. John Hall, described what the children would do in the factories
  - d) Elizabeth Bentley- 23 began working at 6, doffer at the flax-mill, allowed forty minutes at noon for meals
  - e) Peter Smart - locked up day and night, children tried to run too, overseer for the master, worst mill and conditions compared to the others
- 2) The working conditions that they described
  - a) Little to no wages
  - b) Child labor, the worst part of the labor force, they had the worst conditions, extremely fatigued
  - c) 6am to 8pm, sometimes one more hour of work
  - d) An hour break at noon
  - e) Dread of being beaten
  - f) Flax-mill 15 hours of work

- g) Didn't have time to eat or drink outside of that time
- 3) The rules and expectations of the employers
- a) No parish assistance
  - b) Miss hours of labor they would get halfpenny less
  - c) Work fourteen hours straight with one hour break
  - d) Beaten if late to work, severely
  - e) Children has the jobs that could only be done with small hands
  - f) Strapping severely was occurring
  - g) If they ran away they would be found and whipped
  - h) They were bound to the master
  - i) Still work on the sabbath day

All of these conditions may seem to be unreal to people nowadays, but it was how people lived back during the Industrial Revolution. These were probably the worst conditions during this time period because this was before the factories were investigated for harsh conditions.