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### **Chapter 19: Research & Writing - The Sadler Report**

In the Sadler Report, laborers who testified were primarily young people working for small pay within terrible conditions. These young people described their working conditions and how they felt during their examinations. During the Industrial Revolution, children and young people were among those who were physically oppressed during this time of production in England. Many of the working conditions that were explained were the lack of decent meals or lunch breaks if their labor was considered unsatisfactory. This was especially hard for those children who were not able to have breakfast to start their toil each morning. One youth expressed that if the workers were not able to provide satisfactory work, then there were times where the overseer would feed their dinner to the pigs as punishment. Stopping to eat when the work was not complete or done well was frowned upon.

Many children were working fourteen to sixteen hour long shifts each day which caused many families to be awake with their child at 2 am and 4 am ready for the upcoming days work. These conditions took on huge physical toils because of the fatigued from working that took place at the end of the shifts. Being late to work was something that the employed tried to keep up with due to the fear of being beaten when they arrive. Other physical abuse came about to children who especially were on their feet all day and not allowed to sit or work comfortably. Deformities occurred, and the stress of being locked in day and night caused many to run away from time to time. Those who have been caught were severely hurt and punished in other ways as well.