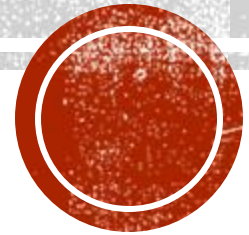


# CHILD LABOR DURING THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION

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# OLIVER TWIST

Charles Dickens



With an Introduction  
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## OLIVER TWIST

- This was a movie that was revolved around the Industrial Revolution and in particular, a young boy named Oliver Twist who grew up during these times. He grew up as an orphan since he didn't have parents. He then was forced into labor because he had no parents to say otherwise. After asking for more food, bad things happened and he winded up with a family elsewhere. This family was not the kindest to him and so after getting into a fight, he walked to London by foot. He found a group of boys living with an elderly man and two young women. Life here was complicated as well for him and he would now steal to eat amongst the other boys living with him. The movie only showed his young childhood which I find really interesting.





# "DARK SATANIC MILLS"

- "Dark satanic mills"-William Blake
- This quote was a part of William Blake's poem titled "And did those feet in ancient time".
- It was about William Blake's vision of Jerusalem. The poem itself is about ancient England used to be beautiful and full of green mountains and how then the Industrial Revolution may have been an attempt to build Jerusalem yet amongst the dark satanic mills, which was a reference towards the mills in the Industrial Revolutions which were dark and scary.
- Supposedly the line, "Amongst these dark Satanic Mills" was the most shocking and surprising to analysts. It had a dark meaning and it was very interesting to make the connections.

- 'And did those feet in ancient time  
Walk upon Englands mountains green:  
And was the holy Lamb of God,  
On Englands pleasant pastures seen!

And did the Countenance Divine,  
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?  
And was Jerusalem builded here,  
Among these dark Satanic Mills?

Bring me my Bow of burning gold:  
Bring me my arrows of desire:  
Bring me my Spear: O clouds unfold!  
Bring me my Chariot of fire!

I will not cease from Mental Fight,  
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand:  
Till we have built Jerusalem,  
In Englands green & pleasant Land.'





## AGE RANGES

- According to the Factory Act of 1833, there was to be no workers under 9 years old. Children aged 9-13 were to work no more than 9 hours per day and peoples aged 13-18 were to work no more than 12 hours per day. Research shows that most children working in the mining and textile industries were over the age of 15. An average of 12.5% children were under the age of 15.





# **JOB**S IN CHILD LABOR

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**Mines**

**Textiles**

**Factories**

**Chimney  
sweeps**

Of course, these were just some of the more popular jobs. There were more jobs, for example, selling goods. Though the most common were working in the mines and in factories.



# CURRENT LABOR LAWS AROUND THE WORLD

- There are still child labor laws in place in most developing countries. Some of the top countries include Ethiopia, Pakistan, Burundi, Afghanistan, Zimbabwe, Democratic Republic of Congo, Sudan, Somalia, North Korea and Myanmar. Child labor not only include work farming, factory work and field work, it also includes very young recruits into the army and military forces. Sometimes as young as 12, youth are recruited into the military and suicide became common among the worst treated. Some children also became sex slaves to others, which is disturbing. Labor laws are still very flawed if not worse in some developing countries.



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