

## Prediction Guide: "The Truth Behind the Lowell Mills."

Read the statements below. Place a check mark (✓) in the space to the left of each statement with which you agree. Then, during or after reading the article about life in the Lowell Mills cross out (×) those statements you find to be false, and star (★) those you found to be true. BE SURE YOU ARE ABLE TO REFER BACK TO THE TEXT TO PROVIDE EVIDENCE FOR EACH OF THE STATEMENTS.

- \_\_\_ 1. Girls who worked for the Lowell Mills were only paid once a year.
- \_\_\_ 2. The Mills would not employ anyone who did not attend church services on Sunday.
- \_\_\_ 3. Most girls preferred to work a ten-hour workday.
- \_\_\_ 4. Some girls felt that extra hours of work and evening school in the winter months had injured their health.
- \_\_\_ 5. There are four days a year in which the mill is closed; Fast Day, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.
- \_\_\_ 6. Girls must be ready to work at 8 o'clock in the morning and were finished at 5 o'clock in the evening.
- \_\_\_ 7. Windows were not allowed to be opened in the Mills, even on the hottest days, because the breeze from the outside could cause the machines to fail.
- \_\_\_ 8. The girls were responsible for the boarding house in which they were living. If something broke, or if they neglected to keep the sidewalks out front of the house free of snow, then the mill would charge the girl(s) a fine.

On the following lines, make a generalization about the lives of the Mill girls.

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