

12a. Portrait of a Boy, 1890



I. Related Documents from the National Archives

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National Child Labor Committee Photographs taken by Lewis Hine, compiled ca. 1912 - ca. 1912, documenting the period 1908 - 1912 (483 photos)

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Selected Photos from National Child Labor Committee Photographs

Greel's Shoe-Shining Parlor. Said he was 15 years old. Works some nights until 11 P.M.
Indianapolis, Ind., 08/1908

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A typical glass works boy, night shift. Said he was 16 years old. 1 A.M. Indiana., 08/1908
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A glass works boy waiting for the night shift. Indiana., 08/1908

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Photograph of Young Driver in Mine, 09/1908

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Carrying-in-boy- at the Lehr (15 years old). Has worked for several years. Works nine
hours. Day shift one week, night shift next week. Gets \$1.25 per day. Grafton W. Va.,
10/1908

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Glass blower and mold boy. Boy has 4 1/2 hours of this at a stretch; then an hour's rest and 4
1/2 more: cramped position. Day shift one week: night shift next. Grafton, W. Va., 10/1908

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Boy from Loray Mill. "Been at it right smart two years." Gastonia, N.C., 11/08/1908

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One of the doffers in Vivian Cotton Mills. Cherryville, N.C., 11/10/1908

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Rhodes Mfg. Co. Spinner. A moments glimpse of the outer world. Said she was 11 years old. Been working over a year. Lincolnton, N.C., 11/11/1908

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A doffer in Lincolnton Mill. Lincolnton, N.C, 11/11/1908

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Sweeper and doffer boys in Lancaster Cotton Mills. Many more as small. Lancaster, S.C., 12/01/1908

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The overseer said apologetically, "She just happened in." She was working steadily whe the investigator found her. The mills seem full of youngsters who "just happened in" or "are helping sister." Newberry, S.C., 12/1908

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Maple Mills, Dillon S.C. Soarbar Seris has worked off and on in the mill for 5 years. Winds. Gets 70 [cents] and up. "Reckon I'm about 14." Didn't look it. Has worked more nights than day time. Dillon, S.C., 12/05/1908

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Furman Owens, 12 years old. Can't read. Don't know A, B, C's. "Yes I want to learn but can't when I work all the time." Been in mills 4 years, 3 years in Olympia Mill, Columbia, S.C., 01/16/1909

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Joseph Harris, a 9 year old newsboy. Been selling 1 1/2 years. Hartford, Conn., 03/1909

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A nine year old newsgirl. She sold later than 8 P.M. sometimes. Been selling two years.

Hartford, Conn., 03/06/1909

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12 year old Newsboy. Hyman Alpert, been selling three years. Spends evenings in Boys Club. New Haven, Conn., 03/08/1909

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Jo Bodeon, a back-roper in mule room. Chace Cotton Mill. Burlington, Vt., 05/07/1909

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Norris Luvitt. Been picking 3 years in berry fields near Baltimore., 06/08/1909

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Max Schwartz, 8 years old, and Jacob Schwartz, sells until 10 P.M. sometimes. Newark, N.J., 12/18/1909

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Newsie selling in a saloon in Washington Street at 10 pm. Tony Tomasula, 9 years old. Buffalo, N.Y., 02/08/1910

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Richard Pierce, Western Union Telegraph Co. Messenger No. 2. 14 years of age. 9 months in service, works from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Smokes and visits houses of prostitution. Wilmington, Del., 05/1910

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Joe Smith, 8 years old. St. Louis, Mo., 05/1910

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Tommy Hawkins, 5 years old. Sells papers. Is 41 inches high. St. Louis, Mo., 05/09/1910

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A young messenger. St. Louis, Mo., 05/12/1910

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Bowery bootblack. New York City., 06/1910

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Michael Mc Nelis, 8 years old, a newsboy. This boy has just recovered from his second attack of pneumonia. Was found selling papers in a big rain storm today. Philadelphia, Pa., 06/12/1910

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A.D.T. boy, 13 years old. 1 1/2 years at it. Works from noon till 10:30 P.M. Said he carries notes, etc. Burlington, Vt., 09/02/1910

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Salvin Nocito, 5 years old, carries 2 pecks of cranberries for long distance to the bushel man. Whites Bog. Brown Mills, N.J., 09/28/1910

National Archives Identifier 523267

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Little Fannie, 7 years old, 48 inches high, helps sister in Elk Cotton Mill. Her sister said, "Yes she helps me right smart. Not all day but all she can. Yes she started with me at 6 this mornin'." These two belong to a family of 19 children. Fayetteville, Tenn., 11/17/1910

National Archives Identifier 523345

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Photograph of Glass Factory Worker Rob Kidd, 06/23/1911

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Photograph of William Lerch, 7 year old news-boy who sells for his brother., 04/15/1912

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At center market. 11 year old celery vender. He sold until 11 P.M. and was out again Sunday morning selling papers and gum. Has been in this country only half a year.

Washington D.C., 04/13/1912

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Photograph of Joseph O'Conner, a 12 year old truent, selling extras during school hours. He said "I'd ruther sell extras to-day than go to school. I go to St. Patrick's school." At 2 A.M. April 19th, 04/15/1912

National Archives Identifier 306624

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Photograph of Joseph Bernstein, a ten year old news-boy who had been selling in saloons along the way, said he makes a dollar a day selling until 7:30 P.M., 04/10/1912

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II. Suggested Activities

1. **Compare and Contrast:** Compare and contrast the Portrait of a Boy to one of the photographs taken by Lewis Hine for the National Child Labor Committee. Compare their appearance, dress, facial expressions, background, composition of the image, artist's intent, etc.
 - a. What are the major similarities and differences between these images?
 - b. What does this reveal about class structure and childhood at the turn of the 20th century?