

Oliver Twist



Name: Oliver Twist

Date: 1830

Age: 9

Home: Orphanage & Undertakers

Work place: Undertakers, Small country town

Employer: Mr Sowerberry

Job: Apprentice undertaker

I have to work long hours, I sleep with the dogs and I only get to eat scraps of leftovers.

If I do not work hard enough I am beaten. I don't have properly fitting shoes or clothes and I am always cold.

I am an orphan but nobody looks after me or worries about who my mother is. I am always, cold, hungry and lonely.

Also it is really horrible seeing all the dead bodies everyday.

Joseph Smith



Name: Joseph Smith

Date: 1844

Age: 8

Home: Workers cottage, London

Work place: Mr Dugdale's factory

Employer: Mr Dugdale

Job: Cotton mill worker

This year the law changed I am allowed to work. It is good because I can earn more money for my family but it is so scary.

The factory is loud and the machines are really fast and dangerous.

People lose the fingers and break their bones all the time. Last week two people died when a machine collapsed on them.

The cotton gets in your throat and its hard to breath. If we don't work quickly enough we get beaten. If we don't make enough cotton they won't pay us.

Our home is really dark and cold. I live there with my 6 brothers and sisters, we only have two rooms!