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*The Progressive Era*

**“The 1911 Triangle Factory Fire”**

Cornell University maintains a tremendous and powerful site on the **Triangle Factory Fire**, one of the pivotal events in early 20th century American history.

**TASK**: Your job as a historian will be to use Cornell’s research tools to examine the (a) facts of the fire, (b) why it caused so many deaths, (c) the experiences of survivors and victims, (d) and the emotional response of New Yorkers, (e) and the response by state and local government to make sure such a catastrophe does not occur again.

1. Go to **gorhamhistory.com**🡪Progressive Era-🡪Triangle Fire Webquest
   1. Read the **Introduction, Sweatshops & Strikes, and Fire!**
   2. Describe in your own words the typical worker (age, gender, background, social status, marital status) who worked at the Triangle Factory?
2. On the **Fire!** Page, click on the victims list:
   1. How old is the youngest victim? The oldest victim?
   2. What religion are the girls?
   3. Select one name. Write it and tell where she (or he) was born, lived, and is buried.
   4. Click on the **9th Floor Model**.
      1. How many stairwells were inside the Asch Building?
      2. Why did the girls not escape the fire via the stairs?
3. Click on the Primary Sources tab, and then on the Triangle Fire photos. Examine the 20 photos. Pick the two that strike you the most and describe the photos and why you chose them.

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1. Examine editorial cartoon 7. Does this cartoon reflect the theme(s) of the Progressive Era? How?
2. Take a look at the **Lantern Slides**. There are also oral histories of a few of the survivors. Use your ear buds/headphones and listen to a few minutes of one of those (you can read along with the transcript). Jot down any thoughts.
3. Under **Photos**, look at mourning photo 18. How many mourners? How many New Yorkers came out in the rain to pay their respects? If you were a New Yorker at the time of the fire, what would you have thought? How would you have felt?