Work That Connected

How immigrant workers helped Indiana grow

4.H.10 "Describe the impact of immigration on the developments of agriculture, industry, mining, and transportation in Indiana."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline one action immigrants took in each of these fields: agriculture, mining, industry, and transportation. Circle a nearby phrase that shows the effect of each action.

Work Across Indiana

1. In the 1800s, many families from Germany settled on Indiana farms. They grew wheat and corn, raised animals, and sold food to nearby towns. Their work helped expand farming and feed a growing population. Some immigrant farmers brought farming knowledge from home, then learned which crops grew well in Indiana soil. They also built communities where new arrivals could find help.

2. Underground in southwestern Indiana, immigrant miners from Italy and other countries dug coal. Coal fueled trains and factories, so their work supported more than mining. In the early 1900s, immigrants from Poland and other countries worked in steel mills in Gary, near Lake Michigan. They helped make steel used in buildings and railroads. Both jobs could be dangerous, and workers organized to seek safer conditions.

3. In the 1800s, many Irish immigrants helped dig Indiana canals, including the Wabash and Erie Canal. Canals carried farm goods to markets beyond local towns. Later, immigrants also laid railroad tracks and worked on trains across the state. Railroads moved coal to factories and carried crops to buyers. Together, immigrant workers helped connect farms, mines, and factories to people who needed their products.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How did immigrant farmers help agriculture grow in Indiana?

2. How did immigrant miners' work affect Indiana beyond the mines?

3. How did immigrants working in Gary's steel mills help industry develop?

4. How did immigrants' work on canals and railroads change where Indiana goods could go?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Imagine you own a shop in an Indiana town. Write four sentences that link immigrant work in two different fields from the passage, then explain how that link could affect what your shop sells.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline one action immigrants took in each of these fields: agriculture, mining, industry, and transportation. Circle a nearby phrase that shows the effect of each action. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How did immigrant farmers help agriculture grow in Indiana?	**They grew crops, raised animals, and sold food, helping expand farming and feed a growing population.**
2	How did immigrant miners' work affect Indiana beyond the mines?	**They dug coal that fueled trains and factories.**
3	How did immigrants working in Gary's steel mills help industry develop?	**They helped make steel used in buildings and railroads.**
4	How did immigrants' work on canals and railroads change where Indiana goods could go?	**Canals carried farm goods to distant markets, and railroads carried crops to buyers and coal to factories.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Immigrant miners dug coal in southwestern Indiana. Coal fueled trains that ran on tracks immigrant workers helped lay. Those trains carried crops from farms to buyers in towns. Because the crops could reach my town, I could sell more food in my shop.

For Part 3, accept any plausible four-sentence chain that links immigrant work in two fields named in the passage and explains an effect on the shop. Students may mark different valid actions and effects in Part 1.