

**Directions:** Use the photograph and background information to answer the question that follows.

**Source:** This photograph shows “breaker boys” in a Pennsylvania coal mine in 1911. Their job was to break coal from larger rocks. The photograph was taken by Lewis Hine, who travelled around the country taking photographs of children working in a variety of jobs.



**Additional facts related to Hine’s photograph:**

1. Hine was paid to take this photograph by an organization that opposed child labor.
2. Hine had been a teacher in New York City before becoming a full-time photographer.
3. Children who worked in the mines were often unable to attend school.

**Question:** Which 1 of the 3 facts above might cause you to question the reliability of Hine’s photograph as evidence of what working conditions were like for children in the mines?

Explain your reasoning on the following page.

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Fact \_\_\_\_\_ might cause me to question the reliability of Hine's photograph because \_\_\_\_\_

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