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Lewis Hine and Child Labor

1. Journalists like Jacob Riis wrote newspaper articles about the sad plight of child workers. Why do you think they were not as successful as Lewis Hine in getting people to care about these children?

2. President Theodore Roosevelt called journalists like Jacob Riis *muckrakers*. A muckraker is a writer who tries to dig-up bad things (rake-up muck) about important people (usually businessmen or politicians) and then writes about the bad things (muck) in order to bring those people down.

Roosevelt was afraid that Riis and other journalists exaggerated the living and working conditions of poor families and working children just to bring down factory owners and landlords.

How was Hine able to show that what the journalists wrote was really the truth?