



## The Spirit of Reform

### MAIN IDEA ACTIVITIES 21.2

#### VOCABULARY

##### Some expressions to understand:

- go like mad (615): go fast and without stopping
- means of production (618): money, equipment, and buildings used in business

#### EVALUATING INFORMATION

 Mark each statement *T* if it is true or *F* if it is false.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. In 1900 almost two million children under the age of 15 worked in mines, mills, and factories.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. The National Consumers League helped find jobs for children.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. The Supreme Court decided that the government had no right to pass laws restricting child labor.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Labor unions tried to pass laws to improve working conditions for adults.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Labor unions fought for workers' compensation laws requiring that all people injured while on the job receive pay.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Safety laws in factories, mills, and mines were strictly enforced.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. The Supreme Court ruled that states had the right to limit working hours for men in dangerous professions
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. The Supreme Court upheld laws limiting women's working hours because their health was a matter of public concern.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Under socialism, private businesses run most industries, but the government decides how much workers are paid.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Under capitalism, competition between businesses determines the price of goods.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Some female workers formed their own unions because most unions discouraged women from joining.

## Main Idea Activities 21.2 continued

**REVIEWING FACTS** Choose the correct item from the following list to complete the statements below.

AFL  
enforce

National Child Labor Committee  
labor unions

Triangle Shirtwaist Fire  
IWW

1. Florence Kelley was a social reformer whose strategy was to “investigate, educate, legislate, and \_\_\_\_\_.”
2. The organization that worked with state labor committees to pass laws restricting child labor was called the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. In 1911, 146 workers died in the \_\_\_\_\_ in New York City.
4. Many workers formed \_\_\_\_\_ to secure higher wages and better working conditions.
5. One of the leading labor unions in the United States was the \_\_\_\_\_.
6. In 1905 socialists and union leaders founded the \_\_\_\_\_.

**ORGANIZING INFORMATION** Complete the following graphic organizer that compares two unions that were important in the late 1900s.

NAME	UNION LEADER	UNION MEMBERS	GOALS OF UNION
1. _____	Samuel Gompers	mostly white men	2. _____
IWW	3. _____	4. _____	5. _____