

# PLANNING PAGE

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE OF YOUR PIECE

TEXT STRUCTURE

First Earnings

job  
description

how I looked  
doing  
the job

my  
hours and  
wages

how I  
Spent  
it

Bertha Miller

KERNEL ESSAY

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

SUGGESTIONS FOR QUICK LIST:

What jobs have you held?  
What have you been paid for?

- babysitting
- summer jobs
- yard work
- any jobs
- fundraising

MY QUICK LIST OF TOPICS:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

*Hard Times Cotton Mill Girls* (Excerpt)

Bertha Miller, b. 1890

I was 11 years old when I went to work at the mill. They learnt me to knit. Well, I was so little that they had to build me a box to get up on to put the sock on the machine. I worked in the hosiery mill for a long time and, well, then we finally moved back to the country. But me and my sister Molly finally went back up there in 1910 and I went to work in the silk mill. Molly went to work in the hosiery mill . . . we worked 12 hours a day for 50 cents. When paydays come around, I drewed three dollars. That was for six days, 72 hours. I remember I lacked 50 cents having enough to pay my board.

Bertha Miller  
Thomasville, NC

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