








## Book Backdrops: Connecting Literature and Primary Sources

<p><b>Cover Image</b></p> 	<p><b>Title:</b> Three Golden Rivers</p> <p><b>Author:</b> Olive Price</p> <p><b>Grade Level(s):</b> Grades 5 to 7</p> <p><b>Topic/Theme:</b> Four orphaned siblings leave their farm to find work and make a new life in Pittsburgh, PA in the mid-nineteenth century.</p>	<p><b>Book Type:</b> Historical Fiction Novel</p> <p><b>Setting and Time Period:</b> Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in the mid-nineteenth century</p> <p><b>Subjects:</b> Social Studies, Language Arts</p>
<p><b>Primary Source Thumbnail</b></p>	<p><b>Caption</b> <b>Publication Information</b> <b>Book Notes</b></p>	<p><b>URL</b></p>
	<p><b>Title:</b> Drawing of Ohio and Monongahila [i.e. Monongahela] Rivers from the suspension bridge Pittsburg [i.e. Pittsburgh] Pa <b>Creator(s):</b> <a href="#">Wallis, George, 1811-1891</a>, artist</p> <p><b>Date Created/Published:</b> 1853 July 1.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> Drawing shows a view of the hills along the Ohio and Monongahela rivers of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, with buildings along the shore and a steamboat on the water. Wallis was a British Commissioner from the Foreign Office to the United States in 1853.</p> <p><b>Book Notes:</b> The story takes place in Pittsburgh circa 1850. If you did not know the date that this drawing was made, how would you know that it was probably made more than 100 years ago?</p>	<p><a href="http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/2004662167/">http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/2004662167/</a></p>



	<p><b>Title:</b> Andrew Carnegie <b>Creator(s):</b> <a href="#">Johnston, Frances Benjamin, 1864-1952</a>, photographer <b>Date Created/Published:</b> c1905 April. <b>Summary:</b> Photograph of Andrew Carnegie</p> <p><b>Book Notes:</b> Andrew Carnegie as a young man is a character in the story. Imagine that Steven, the glassmaking apprentice in the story, had grown up and designed an Andrew Carnegie glass bottle like the Jenny Lind bottle described in the story. Why would Andrew Carnegie have been an appropriate person to commemorate in that way?</p>	<p><a href="http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/2001703916/">http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/2001703916/</a></p>
	<p><b>Title:</b> Birds eye view of Pittsburgh circa 1900 <b>Date Created/Published:</b> c1900 <b>Summary:</b> Photograph shows the city of Pittsburgh with the Monongahela river in the foreground.</p> <p><b>Book Notes:</b> The photo provides a view of the way Pittsburgh may have looked during the period that the story takes place. Locate a picture of modern-day Pittsburgh and compare the two pictures. What are the differences?</p>	<p><a href="http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/94505320/">http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/94505320/</a></p>
	<p><b>Title:</b> [Duquesne Incline, Pittsburgh, Pa.] <b>Date Created/Published:</b> [between 1900 and 1915] <b>Summary:</b> Photograph shows Mt. Washington as it may have looked during the period that story takes place.</p> <p><b>Book Notes:</b> Mt. Washington is the setting for several scenes in the story. Locate a picture of modern-day Mt. Washington and compare the two pictures. What are the differences?</p>	<p><a href="http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/det1994016710/PP/">http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/det1994016710/PP/</a></p>



**Title:** [Levee from Smithfield Street Bridge, Pittsburgh, Pa.] at

**Created/Published:** [between 1900 and 1915]

**Summary:** Photograph shows Riverboats on the Monongahela river.

**Book Notes:** Riverboats on the Monongahela River are described in the story. Imagine that you are the character Chris on the River Queen. What sounds would you have heard as the steamboat was being tied up at the Monongahela River Wharf?

<http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/det1994016711/PP/>

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