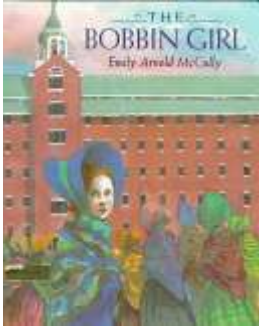

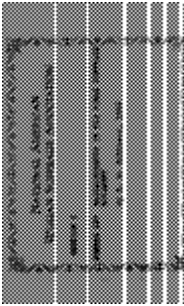


Book Backdrops: Connecting Literature and Primary Sources

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<p style="text-align: center;">Cover Image</p> 	<p>Title: <i>The Bobbin Girl</i> Author: Emily Arnold McCully</p> <p>Summary: Rebecca Putney is a bobbin girl who helps support her struggling family by working all day in a hot, noisy cotton mill. Working conditions at the mill are poor, and there is talk of lowering the workers' wages. Rebecca's friend Judith wants to protest the pay cut, but troublemakers at the mill are dismissed. Does Rebecca have the courage to join the protest?</p> <p>Grade Level(s): Grades 3-5 Topic/Theme: Child Labor Setting and Time Period: 1830's Lowell, Massachusetts Subjects: child labor, workers' rights, industrial revolution, textile mills, Lowell mills Key Vocabulary: textile, spinning, boardinghouse, petition</p>
<p>Primary Source Thumbnail</p>	<p>Title of Source Publication Information URL Book Notes</p>
	<p>Title: Harriet Jane (Hanson) Robinson, 1825-1911 Creator(s): Steel engraving by J.A.J. Wilcox Date Created/Published: [no date recorded on caption card] URL: http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/2003669893/ Book Notes: The book's main character, Rebecca Putney, was inspired by Harriet Hanson Robinson (1825-1911), who, in 1835 at the age of ten, began work as a bobbin girl.</p>
	<p>Title: Massachusetts in the woman suffrage movement. A general, political, legal and legislative history from 1774, to 1881. By Harriet H. Robinson ... Author/Creator(s): Harriet H. Robinson Date Created/Published: 1883 URL: http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.rbc/rbnawsa.n8049 Book Notes: The book's main character, Rebecca Putney, was inspired by Harriet Hanson Robinson (1825-1911), who, at the age of ten, in 1835, began work as a bobbin girl.</p>

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	<p>Title: Fourteen year old spinner in a [?] Brazos Valley Cotton Mill at West. Violation of the law. Matty Lott runs six sides. See family group and their story. Location: West, Texas.</p> <p>Creator(s): Lewis Wickes Hine, 1874-1940</p> <p>Date Created/Published: 1913 November</p> <p>URL: http://www.loc.gov/pictures/resource/nclc.02873/</p> <p>Book Notes: The book's main character, Rebecca Putney, worked in the spinning room at the textile mill.</p>
	<p>Title: Cornelius Hurley, right end of picture, 68 Adam Street, was at work in No. 1 Mill room in Merrimac Mill, Lowell, Mass., for six months. About 13 or 14 probably. Michael Keefe, 32 Marion Street been at work in No. 1 Mill room Merrimac Mill. Location: Lowell, Massachusetts.</p> <p>Creator(s): Lewis Wickes Hine, 1874-1940</p> <p>Date Created/Published: 1911 October</p> <p>URL: http://www.loc.gov/pictures/resource/nclc.02387/</p> <p>Book Notes: The book's theme is child labor at a textile mill in Lowell, Massachusetts</p>
	<p>Title: The day book., March 01, 1915, NOON EDITION, Image 1</p> <p>Creator(s): N.D. Cochran (Publisher)</p> <p>Date Created/Published: March 15, 1915</p> <p>URL: http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn83045487/1915-03-01/ed-1/seq-1/</p> <p>Book Notes: The book's main theme is child labor.</p>
	<p>Title: "I was busy all my life."</p> <p>Interviewee: Howard Jones, worm farmer</p> <p>Interviewer: Susan Levitas</p> <p>Date Created/Published: August 28, 1994</p> <p>URL: http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/h?ammem/afcwip:@field(NUMBER+@band(afcwip+sla01801))</p> <p>Book Notes: Howard Jones gives his first-hand experience working as a child starting at the age of 10 years old.</p>

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