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## Child Labor vs. Education

In 1892 school teachers and principals were asked: "Under what age should the law forbid the employment of children?"

Responses included:

- *"I believe that twelve years of age is as low as it is safe to put the minimum"*
- *"Eight years"*
- *"Twelve years, and in many occupations till they are fifteen or sixteen they should only work half time."*
- *"Ten years except in such occupations as can be borne without over taxing, where there is good air."*
- *"No child should be allowed to be employed as a wage earner at an age less than that of ten years."*

1. Do you find their answers surprising? Why or why not?

2. How would you feel if your teacher gave these answers today? What would you say to convince them to change their mind?

3. What age do you think children should be allowed to work now? Should they only be allowed to do certain types of work?