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Children's Work & Wages

Directions: Review the table of Children's Wages (1889) and answer the questions below.

	Boys (Weekly)	Girls (Weekly)	Boys (Yearly)	Girls (Yearly)
Carpenters	\$6.00		\$246.00	
Cotton	\$3.10	\$2.98	\$155.00	\$149.00
Dyes & Bleaching	\$3.50		\$178.50	
Jewelers	\$3.35	\$3.23	\$160.80	\$154.04
Machinery	\$4.56	\$4.50	\$228.00	\$225.00
Masons	\$4.00		\$240.00	
Painters	\$2.50		\$130.00	
Print Works	\$3.38	\$2.75	\$169.00	\$137.50
Quarries	\$5.00		\$260.00	
Rubber	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Stone Cutters	\$3.00		\$141.00	
Woolen & Worsted	\$3.79	\$3.55	\$185.71	\$173.95

1. What were the three highest paying jobs for children?

2. Were girls allowed to hold any of those jobs?

3. What was the highest paying job for girls?

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4. What was the difference in yearly income between the highest paying job of boys and the highest paying job for girls?

5. Did any jobs pay boys and girls the same? Which job?

6. Do you think it was fair that boys earned more than girls? Why or why not?

7. The biggest difference in pay was for the children working at the Print Works. How much more did a boy working there earn in a year than a girl? How do you think this may have affected how families valued sons vs. daughters?