

The Shirtwaist Strike & the Triangle Fire, 1909-1911: A Reading List

E=elementary level M=middle school H=high school AP=advanced placement or IB T=teacher

Dash, Joan. *We Shall Not Be Moved: The Women's Factory Strike of 1909* (Polaris, 1998). Novel-like account of the 13-week strike in New York City. (M,H)

Drehle, David. *Triangle: The Fire that Changed America* (Grove Press, 2004). A moment-by-moment account of the fire as well as a full discussion of the conditions which caused the fire and the outcome of the event. (H,AP,T)

Haddix, Margaret Peterson. *Uprising* (Simon & Schuster, 2007). A substantial historical novel told from the viewpoint of two shirtwaist makers and a young upper-class "ally." (M,H,AP)

Hong, Ellen. *Triangle Fire Mock Trial* [Unpublished]. 2004. Available for free. Contact honge@campbellhall.org. Mock trial activity for grades 7-12. Contains 8 witness statements based on original 1911 trial testimonies. Also includes the mock trial fact situation, directions, legal stipulations, photos of a burnt lock, and a map of the 9th floor.

Littlefield, Holly. *Fire at the Triangle Factory* (Carolrhoda, 1996). Fictional account of two girls involved in the Triangle Fire. Upper elementary.

Marrin, Al. *Flesh and Blood So Cheap: The Triangle Fire & Its Legacy* (Knopf, 2011). Just released account by a highly-regarded author offers a full context for the Fire. (H,AP)

"Remembering the Triangle Fire, 100 Years Later." Cornell University ILR School, 2011. <http://www.ilr.cornell.edu/trianglefire>. Excellent secondary and primary sources covering conditions before the fire, the events itself and the investigation and trial which followed. Sources include transcripts of survivor interviews from the 1950s and 1960s, news accounts & photographs, trial testimonies and investigative reports. Thorough bibliography includes resources for young readers. (M,H,AP)

Stein, Leon. *The Triangle Fire* (Cornell, 1962/2011). The first substantial work on the Fire, which was based on survivor interviews. Re-released for the centennial this year. Reads like a novel. (M,H,AP,T)

Tax, Meredith. *The Rising of Women: Feminist Solidarity and Class Conflict, 1880-1917* (U.Illinois, 1980/2001). A scholarly examination of cross-class co-operation on behalf of factory operatives in Chicago, New York City, and Boston. (AP,T)

Women and Social Movements. DBQ lesson on the influence of socialism on shirtwaist workers and their allies in the strike. <http://womhist.alexanderstreet.com/shirt/doclist.htm>. Includes 25 primary documents. Free trial available for lesson. (H,AP,T)

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