

READ THE ENTIRE PACKET CAREFULLY! (Do not write on the packet.)

As you read, respond to the following:

1. What were the conditions in which coal miners lived and worked? In what ways did the coal companies take advantage of them?
2. What role did the federal government play in the mine wars? What role did local police play? What role did hired security guards play?
3. What role did organized labor (unions) play?
4. What were the demands made by the workers/union organizers?
5. How did it all end? What did the workers gain?

Identifications (including the role played in the mine wars):

UMWA (or UMW):

Baldwin-Felts Agency:

Mary Harris (aka "Mother Jones"):

Sid Hatfield:

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