

Newsies, often orphan children ages 10 to 20, enacted a strike on the 18th of July, 1899 to communicate meager living conditions and the need for adequate supplies and shelter. As newspapers saw their sales plummet, compromise with the newsies seemed imperative. After the newsies strike, the Fair Labor Standard Act emerged in 1938.

Our topic is the Newsboy Strike of 1899. The strike was (and still is) important because it shows that kids aren't useless. Sometimes we need the wisdom of a child to shed light on something. Children now go to school instead of sweating blood on the streets everyday because of the strikes that stopped child labor.

We found most of our research from Books, websites, and interviews. Our interviews were Kristina Romero (from Calling Extra) and Alice Stevenson (NY Historical Society). They were very helpful to give us great information on the strike itself and what we needed to find. Digging into it more, we now understand both of the sides of the strike. Many of the things we learned showed just how much the city despised the newsies.

After many different thoughts, we settled on our topic; the Newsies strike. We then had to figure out how we were going to present our topic. We knew that we weren't going to be doing an exhibit board because we wouldn't be able to fit everything we wanted to say. Our next thought was to do a documentary. But after researching more, we realized that there was barely any live footage of the Newsies strike. Then we settled on the idea of a website. We learned the skill of communicating online.

The newsies strike communicated that there were children without education, food, shelter, and parents. Not only that, but the strike helped other children working in factories and other places with children on their worksite to also strike. The real life newsie strike didn't have

singing or dancing to it, like the movies, but the songs can really hit you. They can express how much poverty the newsboys were in. The newsies technically won, but they compromised with the newspapers. In the end, everything was a bit more fair.