



More Technology, Fewer Jobs

Activity: More Technology, Fewer Jobs

Category: Writing Assignment

Series: Technology Breakthroughs (The 12 Biggest Breakthroughs in Computer Technology)

Supplies

Paper; pencil

Prep

Read the section in *The 12 Biggest Breakthroughs in Computer Technology* on the Jacquard loom or assign it to your class/group to read on their own.

Directions

Some workers weren't happy when the Jacquard loom became popular. They thought they would lose their jobs if this new technology could do the work faster. Ask students to write a journal entry as one of the workers, using information they learned from the text to explain why they do or don't believe that the loom will reduce the number of jobs.

Evaluation

Was the student able to understand the workers' perspectives and use information from the text to help develop a historic view of the Jacquard loom? RI 4.1, 4.3

Purpose

To teach students how to use information from text to relate to people from past generations.