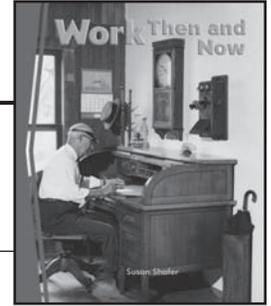


Comprehension Questions

Work Then and Now

Guided Reading Level: S



Question Set A

LITERAL What three kinds of workers are examined in this book?

The three kinds of workers in this book are farmers, doctors, and office workers.

INFERENCE Why are there fewer family farms now than there were long ago?

Machines made it possible to farm larger areas of land. As the farms became bigger, they also became big businesses owned by companies.

CRITICAL Why do you think doctors long ago made house calls instead of having an office?

Example: If a person were sick or injured, it would be hard to travel by foot or horse and buggy to see a doctor. It made sense for a healthy doctor to go to them.

CREATIVE If you lived long ago, which of the jobs in the book would you like to have?

Answers will vary but should make connections to the text. *Example:* I'd like to have a family farm because I like the outdoors and animals. I know it would be hard work, but I'd also enjoy working together with my family.

Question Set B

LITERAL What machines do doctors have today that doctors long ago couldn't dream of?

Doctors today have X-ray machines, miniature cameras that let them "see" inside a patient, and computers to help them treat patients and make "virtual" house calls.

INFERENCE How has office work changed over the years?

Office workers today work fewer hours, but do many more jobs than they did in the past with the help of computers and machines that make the work efficient.

CRITICAL Are foods grown without pesticides or fertilizers better for the environment and for people to eat? Why or why not?

Example: Yes, foods grown without pesticides and fertilizers are better because many pesticides and fertilizers contain chemicals that can harm the environment and get into the food that people eat, making them sick.

CREATIVE What kind of jobs do you think people living on a space station would have?

Answers will vary but should make connections to the text. *Example:* I think people living on a space station would study the stars and the planets. I think they would also do experiments to learn how things grow and change in space.