

Documentary- Origins of OSHA

- 1) How many Americans were killed on the job in 1968?
- 2) Why did Congress create OSHA (Occupation Health and Safety Administration)?
- 3) List at least 3 potential workplace safety issues workers face as described in the documentary:
- 4) Who determines the science behinds the safety analysis used by OSHA?
- 5) Once the scientific analysis is complete, what is the next step before a regulation is set?
- 6) After the Public hearing, OSHA sets a _____.
- 7) What happens when a company cannot meet an OSHA standard? (ie. Cotton Mill cannot remove fibers from air)
- 8) How much money did the Cotton Mill in the Documentary spend to “solve” the Cotton fiber problem that was harming its workers?
- 9) In your opinion, why or why not was that investment worthy?
- 10) What impact will a cotton fiber regulation have on American society?
- 11) What impact will a cotton fiber regulation have on that business’ competitiveness versus domestic competitors? International competitors?
- 12) What happens if a business cannot comply with a regulation?
- 13) How are unsafe working conditions identified under OSHA?
- 14) What harmful chemical helped cause serious damages to the workers, including burns and Leukemia, triggering OSHA regulations?
- 15) After watching the documentary, do you feel that OSHA is a needed bureaucracy or unnecessary and why?