Websearch : Child labour in Europe in the past.

1-Find examples of child labour in Europe before the 19th century (on farms and in towns).

2-Explain what happened at the end of the 18th century and the beginning of the 19th century which changed the nature of child labour.

3-Find examples of child labour in Europe during the 19th century.

4-Explain working and living conditions for these children.

5-Give the name of an author tackling this problem in the 19th century.

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Correction :

1-On farms, children had to work with animals. For instance, girls milked cows and fed animals whereas boys looked after cattle. Moreover, children also had to work in fields in order to plant seeds, pull weeds or pick the ripe crop.

In towns, boys were usually sent into chimney to clean tham as chimney sweeps and girls usually worked as servants.

2-The industrial revolution started in GB due tu new technologies such as the steam-engine. Many factories were created. Children also had to work in mine.

3-Children often had to repair or clean machines in new factories or help in coal mines. Indeed, it was quite useful to use them due to their small size for narrow paths in mines.

4-In the 19th century, life was difficult and many children were taken from workhouses or orphanages to be sent to factories. They were fed, clothed and housed. Discipline was strict, wages were low, working conditions were unhealthy and punishments were hard. They were not allowed to go to school.

5-Charles Dickens with Oliver Twist.

Elizabeth Barrett Browning, poem The cry of the children.

🡪D’autres informations sont possibles.