b'Coal Miners\n\nBetween 1880 and 1920, southern West Virginia\'s population grew from **93,000** to **446,000**, due almost entirely to the coal **industry.\n\nThe region**\'s first coal miners primarily were African Americans, both enslaved and free. By **1850**, approximately half of **Kanawha County**\'s slaves worked in the salt **industry-many** mined coal to fuel the furnaces. Salt operators eventually hired more white or **free-black** laborers due to the risk of investing money in bondsmen, who frequently were killed or injured in the mines. Other enslaved African Americans escaped from the salt works to Ohio, a free state only 60 miles away.\n\nThe coal industry required more labor than southern West Virginia could supply. Coal operators enticed workers-many African American-to move to West Virginia from Virginia and the Deep South. During the first three decades of the **20th** century, African Americans comprised about 25 percent of all southern West Virginia miners. Coal companies also recruited in Europe. In 1907, West Virginia appointed John Nugent as superintendent of immigration. His salary was paid entirely by coal companies. By 1910, more Italian immigrants lived in McDowell County than anywhere else in the state. Immigrants in southern West Virginia comprised some 25 nationalities, including **Italians**, Hungarians, Poles, Austrians and Russians. Ukrainian immigrant Nick Gurski began working in the Boone County coal mines in the 1920s. Eventually, his sons and grandsons also worked in the mines. Meanwhile, his wife Mary operated the Nellis boarding house for **foreign-born miners.\n\nCoal** mining is a dangerous job requiring skill and judgment. In the **hand-loading** era, an underground **miner**\'s workplace, usually called a ``room," was only as high as the coal seam. A room in the **Pocahontas** seam could be more than 10 feet high, while workplaces in the Kanawha and New River seams often were no taller than four **feet.\n\nBefore** the **1930s**, many boys worked in mines. Boys younger than 12 often worked beside their fathers underground because, in many communities, it was the only paying job available. Boys learned the mining craft from their fathers and later passed this knowledge on to their own sons. Boys frequently were assigned the **most-dangerous** jobs. Some picked slate and other debris out of the coal on fast-moving conveyor belts. Others opened large wooden doors just before speeding cars passed through. Some stopped the cars by jamming pieces of wood into the spokes. Before the days of electric cars, many boys served as mule drivers. \n'

b'Coal

Coal is a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock, formed as rock strata called https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coal

Miners\n\nBetween

Robert Nimrod "Bob" Miner (December 23, 1941 – November 11, 1994) was an American buhttps://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bob_Miner

1880

1880 (MDCCCLXXX)□was a leap year starting on Thursday of the Gregorian calendar and a https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1880

1920

1920 (MCMXX) was a leap year starting on Thursday of the Gregorian calendar and a leap y https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1920

Virginia\

Virginia ((listen)), officially the Commonwealth of Virginia, is a state in the Southeastern an https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Virginia

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Ñ (lower case ñ, Spanish: eñe, Phonetic Alphabet: /'epe/ "énye", pronunciation) is a letter of https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/%C3%91

reaion

In geography, regions are areas that are broadly divided by physical characteristics (physical https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Region

1850

1850 (MDCCCL)□was a common year starting on Tuesday of the Gregorian calendar and a c https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1850

Kanawha

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County\

A county is a geographical region of a country used for administrative or other purposes, in https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/County

industry-many

An industry is a sector that produces goods or related services within an economy. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Industry

free-black

In United States history, a free Negro or free black was the legal status, in the geographic a https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Free_Negro

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$away.\n\n$

N.W.A (an abbreviation for Niggaz Wit Attitudes) was an American hip hop group from Comphttps://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/N.W.A

workers-many

A construction worker is a manual laborer employed in the physical construction of the built https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Construction_worker

American-to

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20th

Twentieth Century Fox Film Corporation (colloquial: Twentieth Century Fox, 20th Century Fox https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/20th_Century_Fox

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1907

1907 (MCMVII)□was a common year starting on Tuesday of the Gregorian calendar and a co https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1907

Nugent

Theodore Anthony Nugent (; born December 13, 1948) is an American singer-songwriter, gu https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ted_Nugent

1910

1910 (MCMX)□was a common year starting on Saturday of the Gregorian calendar and a con https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1910

Italians

Italians (Italian: Italiani [ita'lja:ni]) are a Romance ethnic group and nation native to the Italians (Italians (It

Hungarians

Hungarians, also known as Magyars (Hungarian: magyarok), are a nation and ethnic group in https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hungarians

Austrians

Austrians (German: Österreicher) are a Germanic nation and ethnic group, native to modern https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Austrians

Gurski

Yuri Gurski (Belarusian: Юры Анатол'евіч Гурскі, born 23 January 1983) is a Belarusian IT https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yuri_Gurski

1920s

The 1920s (pronounced "nineteen-twenties") was a decade of the Gregorian calendar that be https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1920s

Nellis

Nellis Air Force Base ("Nellis" colloq.) is a United States Air Force installation in southern Neltips://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nellis Air Force Base

foreign-born

Foreign-born (also non-native) people are those born outside of their country of residence. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Foreign_born

$miners.\n\nCoal$

People have worked as coal miners for centuries, but they became increasingly important du https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_coal_miners

hand-loading

Handloading or reloading is the process of loading firearm cartridges or shotgun shells by a https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Handloading

miner\

A miner is a person who extracts ore, coal, or other mineral from the earth through mining. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Miner

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Pocahontas

Pocahontas (US: , UK: ; born Matoaka, known as Amonute, c. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pocahontas

10

10 (ten) is an even natural number following 9 and preceding 11. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/10

workplaces

A workplace is a location where someone works for his or her employer, a place of employm https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Workplace

feet.\n\nBefore

The Herbert N. Straus House is a large town house at 9 East 71st Street on the Upper East https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Herbert N. Straus House

1930s

The 1930s (pronounced "nineteen-thirties", commonly abbreviated as the "Thirties") was a dhttps://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1930s

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most-dangerous

"The Most Dangerous Game", also published as "The Hounds of Zaroff", is a short story by R https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The Most Dangerous Game

fast-moving

Fast-Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) are products that are sold quickly and at a relatively https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fast-moving_consumer_goods

conveyor

A conveyor system is a common piece of mechanical handling equipment that moves materia https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Conveyor_system

jamming

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N or n is the fourteenth letter in the modern English alphabet and the ISO basic Latin alpha. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/N