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Heart of Darkness Report Questions

1. Look at the personal stories of the gemstone workers. Use the information to define silicosis in three to five complete sentences.
2. What is the average age that gemstone grinders would begin grinding gemstones?
3. How much money (U.S. currency) did jewelry stores make in the month of February of 2009? How does this compare to the average salary of a gemstone worker?
4. Why could Mr. Raman Lallubhai Vaghela and Mr. Naran Dhula Bhil not make as much money as their normal pay (why was their salary cut in half)?
5. Why are gemstone workers excluded from legal protection under Indian law?
6. Looking at the report of deaths by silicosis in the Khambhat area, what was the average age of death? What is the difference between this age of death and the average age of death where you live?
7. When did electricity (as well as the gemstone traders) arrive in Shakapur, India? How many years later did grinders begin to die of silicosis?
8. What other disease were some of the victims of silicosis treated for? Why do you think this is?
9. Where are the two centers for gemstone grinding in India located?
10. Use the information given under the subheading, "A Dusty Death" to write the real definition of Silicosis. How is it different than the definition you came up with earlier?
11. Summarize each of the four steps given under the subheading, "What Must be Done" in at least two sentences each, and come up with two ideas of your own of what should be done to fix this problem.
12. Using the information provided throughout the Hearts of Darkness report, write a two paragraph summary of the report, using at least ten facts from the report to support your summary.