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Comprehension Check #1 Bonus Question

Read the quotation below. As a team, use and cite text sources to answer the questions that follow.

"While at work I am thinking only of my own drab existence. I get discouraged and a bit low in my mind—every day the same foreman, the same forelady, the same shirt waists, shirt waists and more shirt waists. The same machines, the same surroundings. The day is long and the task tiresome. In despair I ask—"dear God will it ever be different?" And on my way home from work I see again those lonely men and women with hopeless faces, tired eyes; harrased (sic) by want and worry—I again ask "will it ever be different?"

— Pauline M. Newman, *Letter to Michael and Hugh*

What is Newman's critique about labor and factories during the rapid industrialization that took place during the Gilded Age? What do her comments reveal about urban environments and communities during this time period?

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