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The Industrial Workers of the World

Stations Activity Directions: You will read a series of documents that illustrate the characteristics and impact of the Industrial Workers of the World in the Pacific Northwest in the early 20th century. For each station, read the source and answer the guiding questions as you go!

Station 1: The IWW Explains Its Goals

What does the IWW mean by the "Lumber Trust"?

What is the cause of the conditions of lumber workers? How does the IWW describe the lumber companies? The workers?

How does the IWW distinguish itself from other labor organizations? What are its three main goals

How does the IWW describe the Spruce Division? What do they say the Division's real aim was?

What is the ultimate goal of the IWW? How does it hope to achieve this goal?

Station 2: Joe Hill, IWW Songs

What role did music play in IWW organizing?

What was the Little Red Songbook? Why was it important?

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How did the IWW compete with the Salvation Army?

What characterized IWW songs?

What is *The Preacher and the Slave* about? Choose a line that highlights its meaning and explain why.

Station 3: IWW Cartoons, 1910s

What is the importance of political cartoons?

Below, describe what you see in each cartoon and explain its significance.

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Station 4: The Everett Massacre

What conditions did workers face in Everett in the early 20th century?

Why do shingle workers vote to strike in 1916?

What is the difference between the AFL and the IWW?

What do the Wobblies do on their soap boxes in Everett in September/October 1916? How does the town react?

Why do 300 members of the IWW board steamships and head to Everett? What is their plan?

What happens when the steamships arrive?

What is the legacy of the Everett Massacre?

Exit Ticket:

