Organized Labor Newspaper Assignment

You will be assigned one important event in the labor movement. Using the Library of Congress (loc.gov) look at historic newspapers about the event.

Possible Events

The Great Railroad Strike – July 14, 1877 ended by August, 1877

The Haymarket Bombing – May 4, 1886

The Homestead Strike – June 30, 1892 (Battle fought July 6, 1892)

The Pullman Strike – March 11, 1894 ended by August, 1894

The Anthracite Coal Strike – May 12, 1902 meeting called with TR on October 3, 1902

The Triangle Shirtwaist Fire – March 25, 1911

Using the website, look for three newspapers from three different regions (North, South, and West). Remember, the next day’s paper should be the one that covers the event. Also, news travels slow in certain areas of the country. You may have to do some digging beyond the front page or use the search tool as necessary. Analyze the way the event is presented in each region.

Event \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Newspaper 1 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Region\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Summary of the article:

Bias of the article:

Newspaper 2 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Region\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Summary of the article:

Bias of the article:

Newspaper 3 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Region\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Summary of the article:

Bias of the article:

Pick the two articles that appear to be the most different and complete the chart. (Be Specific)

Article 2:

Article 1:

Similar

1. How did the newspapers compare/contrast with the selection from a textbook that summarized the event? Explain.
2. Write a detailed response to the question(s): What difference, if any did you find when looking at newspapers from different regions of the country? What reasons could account for the coverage your event received?
3. What significance did your event have on organized labor during the late 19th and early 20th centuries? Could/Would an event like this happen today? Explain.