

Adventures in the Soviet Imaginary: Children's Books and Graphic Art

Do-It-Yourself Worksheet: Answers

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1. Paper dolls, toy factories, war paraphernalia (parachutes, etc.), toy machinery and agricultural equipment.
2. Most of the books have to do with agriculture and industry. This relates to the Five-Year Plans, which encouraged Soviet people to meet ambitious quotas in factories and farms. (See worksheet on Industrialization and Collectivization). Military preparedness was also a significant focus of 1930's Soviet policy.
3. Answers will vary.
4. Answers may vary: Children like to imitate their elders, writers wanted to prepare children for joining the workforce in factories, farms, and the military.
5. Answers may vary. Example: Yes, film is important in times of social change because it helps to shape the way lots of people think, since film is shown to lots of people (it is a “mass medium.”)
6. Answers will vary.

Optional activities: Assemble a toy film projector like in the book on the website and make your own film. Or make your own DIY craft book. Learn about equipment that is used in Chicago businesses and factories and make a model in your classroom.