



Student Handout  
History of Arkansas's Oil and Natural Gas Industry | Assignment 6



“Gusher in Smackover”





“Workers in the Smackover Oil Fields”

Student Handout #6 con't.



“Wooden Derrick and Oil Storage Pond”

**Assignment #6 – Imagine what a typical day was like in early twentieth century Union County, Arkansas. Write a journal entry from the point of view of:**

- a. a person living in El Dorado or Smackover when the oil strike began.
- b. a person coming to work in the oil fields.
- c. a merchant or business owner in El Dorado or Smackover.
- d. an oil field owner.

**Include all of the vocabulary words you learned from Student Handout #1.**

**Enrichment:**

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