

American Literature
The Strike for Three Loaves
Discussion Questions

1. What is a “scab”?
2. What is the significance of the title "The Strike for Three Loaves"?
3. Describe the living and working conditions of the immigrants. Compare this reality with the promises made in company advertisements that enticed immigrants to America.
4. As many as 45 nationalities of men, women and children worked in the mills of Lawrence, Mass. How did company leaders use this situation to their own advantage?
5. What were the roles of women and children in the Lawrence strike? How did their participation affect the outcome?
6. Select an issue from the Lawrence strike (such as child labor, immigration, minimum wage or worker safety) and discuss the importance of the issue today.