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The following questions are in reference to the excerpts from Upton Sinclair's The Jungle

Section 1

1. Why was it that you could scarcely find a person who had use of his thumb?
2. Why did the wool pluckers' hands go to pieces so soon?
3. Why did the hoisters end up walking like chimpanzees?
4. What happened to some of the men who worked in tank rooms full of steam?

Section 2

1. What would they do with meat that was taken out of pickle and that was sour?
2. What were "boneless hams"? What were "California hams"?
3. What were "skinned hams"?

Section 3

1. What would they do with old sausage that had come back from Europe all moldy and white?
2. If a man ran his hand over the piles of meat what would he sweep off?
3. What would happen when the rats died?
4. Where did the men wash their hands?
5. How did they get an extra two cents per pound?
6. How does reading about these processes make you feel about the meatpacking industry in the late 1800s and early 1900s?