

HISTORY Julia Gossard Tattletales: Childhood and Authority in Eighteenth- Century France

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Interior of the Wetter Brothers calico factory in Orange, France, c. 1764

In the background, children and teenagers (likely apprentices) can be seen embroidering, pressing, and dying textiles. This is one of the best images available of early modern children at work.

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