

**Cost of Living
1911 vs. 2011**

In *Uprising*, Pietro stated that Bella would make \$4.00 per week working at the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory. We'll assume that Bella worked an average of 14 hours per day. She also worked 6 days a week (Monday-Saturday).

1. How many hours did Bella work per week?

2. How much money was Bella paid per hour?

\$4.00 in 1911 would be an equivalent to \$88.00 in 2011.

1. If a person in 2011 worked the same number of hours per week as Bella, then how much money would he/she earn per hour?

2. If a person in 2011 earned \$88 per week, then how much would they earn for their annual income?

3. Look at the graph below. Based on your answer for number 2, would the person be considered "living in poverty" by the national standards?

# of People in Family	2010 National Poverty Threshold
1	\$10,830
2	\$14,570
3	\$18,310
4	\$22,050
5	\$25,790
6	\$29,530
7	\$33,270
8	\$37,010

