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The Radium Girls, The Dark Story of America's Shining Women by Kate Moore

1-What is radium? When was it discovered and by whom? Describe both the qualitative and quantitative characteristics of it.

2-What are some of the uses of radium?

3-List the symptoms that were reported by the girls working in the factories on the dials.

4-What were some of the incorrect diagnoses that the girls received that didn't tie directly to the radium?

5-Describe what a half-life is and how it relates to radium.

6-Who do you believe was responsible for the girls' illnesses and eventual deaths? Did they take responsibility?

7-What safety protocols should have been in place in the factories where the girls were working?

8-Find another case where the workplace exposed workers to hazards that they were not protected properly from and research the incident. Write a 2-page minimum paper detailing the incident and what precautions should have been taken, who was responsible, and any other ramifications that you discover in your research. Examples: agent Orange truck drivers, uranium truck drivers, downwinders