Work Song-Ivan Doig

What is the setting of Work Song?

Who are the main characters? Is the city a character as well? If so, how? If not, why not?

Research Copper

What is the chemical symbol for Copper?
What is the atomic weight?
What are some of the important characteristics of copper?
What are some of the important uses of copper?

Copper Mining

Copper is the mainstay of Butte in this time period. The Anaconda Copper Company runs Butte at this time pretty much. Research the mining methods of this time period in Butte. Write a 2-3 paragraph research piece below about these methods.

What are the actual names of the mines in Butte during this time period?

What are the safety precautions of the time for miners?

What is your favorite part of the story?

What do you think of Morrie Morgan?

Environmental Impacts of mining in Butte

After reading the book, research the long term environmental impacts of mining in the Butte area. Butte was deemed a superfund site by the Environmental Protection Agency. What does that mean and how has remediation been done.

Some people say it's not safe to drink the water in Butte. Why do you think they said that and do you agree or not? Why or why not? Provide evidence for your reasoning!