CHAPTER 10 / Analyzing Points of View

Below is an excerpt from a pamphlet printed by the *Anaconda Standard* during the height of the fight for Montana's state capital. Look at the information on the chart. Then, on a separate sheet of paper, answer the questions that follow.

Helena's Social Supremacy

by Charles H. Eggleston, editor of the *Anaconda Standard*, 1894

	HELENA	ANACONDA
Men who wear silk hats	2,625	3
Men who wear No. 7 shoes	2,110	5
Men who wear No. 9 shoes	2	3,618
Men who wear silk night shirts	2,910	4
Men who wear cotton night shirts	186	3,016
Men who wear kid gloves	4,552	4
Men who wear overalls	0	3,220
Patches on knees of trousers	0	253
Patches on conscience	1,691	8
Dinner buckets in daily use	2	4,028
Manhattan cocktails, daily consumption	17,699	127
Champagne (qts) daily consumption	1,245	2
Beers daily consumption	4,088	8,854
Ladies who nurse their own babies	124	2,876
Ladies who do their own washing	8	980
Ladies with poodle dogs	774	0
Ladies with no dogs at all	1,863	3,555
Ladies who rip other ladies up the back	1,296	147
Babies born with silver spoons in mouth	435	0
Children with shetland ponies	590	0
Children who make mud pies	0	2,773
Average number children per family	½	5¾
Skeletons in closets	1,343	16
People who eat dinner at 6 o'clock	8,658	456
People who eat dinner at 12 o'clock	370	6,954

(1) Look at the number of people who wore silk hats in Helena compared to the number who wore overalls. Look at the same information for Anaconda. Write down these figures.

(2) Look at the figures for the silk and cotton night shirts (pajamas) that men from Helena and Anaconda wore. Write down these figures. What is the difference between cotton and silk nightshirts?

(3) By comparing kinds of clothing, what point is the author of this pamphlet trying to make about the kinds of people who live in these two towns?

(4) Do you think these are accurate figures, determined by scientific methods? Why or why not?

(5) Based on this chart, do you think the author supported Anaconda or Helena for capital? Why?