

Hot Dog!

Elementary: Grades 3–4

Reading-Comprehension Questions

1. What was Maxwell Street Market? Describe it. What could shoppers see and buy there?

2. What deal did Allan make with the hot dog vendor? How did Allan learn more about hot dogs?

3. What is meatpacking?

4. Can you name three reasons why hot dogs are important to Chicago?

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Critical-Thinking Questions

1. Using the photographs of the market, compare the Maxwell Street Market to a mall of today.

2. Why do you think Allan changed his mind about how to eat a hot dog? When have you changed your mind and decided to try something new?

3. In the story you learned about some important innovations that happened in Chicago. New ideas like the refrigerated railroad car made the meatpacking business work better. What new idea or innovation would you design for Chicago today?
