From sunrise to sunset, the miners work in the mine shafts with their pickaxes.
This little birdie travels into the mine with the workers, and if it stops chirping, it's a sign that the air in the mine is unsafe to breathe.
In company towns the poorer people such as the miners lived closer to the mines, and the wealthier people lived farther away from the mines where it was cleaner.
From the mines, iron ore was taken to furnaces where it was melted and made into pig iron.
Because the melted iron is poured into molds that look like baby pigs in a row, it is called "pig iron."
Made out of iron ore mined in Birmingham, Vulcan was created for the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis.
When Vulcan came back from the World's Fair, his body lay in pieces on top of Red Mountain for several months.
When Vulcan was brought to the Alabama State Fair Grounds, his arm was put on wrong, and his spear disappeared between St. Louis and Birmingham.