

## GAME GLOSSARY

**Blacklisted:** to be labeled a troublemaker and unable to get a job; to have one's name on the owner's "do not hire" list

**Boarding house:** a private home that rents rooms to workers and provides their meals

**Calico:** a woven cotton fabric usually printed in bright designs

**Cholera:** an acute infectious disease causing diarrhea and vomiting, often fatal

**Company store:** a store owned by the factory where employees are required to purchase their goods

**Dumping:** unloading an excessive amount of goods (such as cloth) into a market at a price below production costs, usually in order to drive competitors out of business

**Embargo:** a law that prohibits importing certain goods or goods from a certain country

**Incorporate:** to form a legal business corporation with the authority to sell shares of stock

**Machine shop:** where machines used for the production of textiles in mills are made or repaired

**Mechanic:** a general term used to refer to a skilled male worker who knew how to build things, whether they were machines or buildings

**Mule spinner:** a skilled male spinner who handled a heavy and complex kind of spinning machine called a "mule"

**Overseer:** the man who was in charge of a room or group of workers in a factory (also used to refer to a man in charge of slaves on a plantation)

**Panic:** an economic condition of widespread fear that the economy is about to collapse, often causing investors to turn assets quickly into cash

**Patent:** a legal document issued by the government giving an inventor exclusive right to profit from an invention

**Power loom:** mechanical device driven by water power which replaced hand looms to weave cloth in a factory

**Temperance:** against the use of alcoholic beverages, especially to excess

**Tenement:** a rental apartment building, often in ill-repair

**Textiles:** cloth products

**Turbine:** a machine which converts moving water power into mechanical power

**Water rights:** legal ability to control the use and direction of water in a river or stream