

Lesson Plan U. S. History 1 Industrialization of America and Social changes the in Early 19th Century

Lesson objectives:

In the decades before the Civil War—a period sometimes dubbed the First Industrial Revolution—a significant number of inventions and innovations appeared, transforming American life. A telegraph system allowed information to flow from place to place more quickly than the speed of a horse. A transportation system based largely on steam power allowed goods to be shipped great distances at reduced expense. Also of great consequence was the development of the American System of Manufactures; this system, in which individual workers were responsible for only part of a finished product, helped make store-bought goods more affordable. As a result, people began to buy goods from stores rather than making them--the American consumer was born.

Guiding Questions:

What changes occurred in the United States during the period of industrialization in the early 19th century?

How did the American people and their families change?

Learning Objectives

After completing the lessons in this unit, students will be able to:

Cite examples of change in the lives of Americans during the era of the First Industrial Revolution

Discuss positive and negative effects of early industrialization on the lives of Americans

Materials compiled in this document can be used by educators to fulfill the following National History Standards for Grades 5-12:

Expansion and Reform (1801-1861)

Standard 2: How the industrial revolution, increasing immigration, the rapid expansion of slavery, and the westward movement changed the lives of Americans and led toward regional tensions

Standard 2A: The student understands how the factory system and the transportation and market revolutions shaped regional patterns of economic development

5-12: Analyze how the factory system affected gender roles and changed the lives of men, women, and children. [Analyze cause-and-effect relationships]

Three 50 minute class periods and reinforcing homework assignments

Lesson 1 Mill Times the beginning of industrialization and change

HW: Computer research Industrial and Transportation changes

Lesson 2 Factories in New England.... Lowell

HW Lucy Larcom and primary source

Lesson 3 The Village Blacksmith Social Change

HW Text Review

Good source: website Google Whole Fabric Discovering Technology in America

