

Unit Two: The Industrial Revolution in America, 1870 – 1920

Resources: The Americans chapters 14 and 15
Case study: Standard Oil

A) At the conclusion of this study, you should be able to do the following six tasks. Your study guides will outline the factual information for you as we go along.

- 1) Explain the causes of the industrial revolution in this country
- 2) Explain the effects of the industrial revolution in this country
- 3) Describe the causes of immigration to America from 1870 to 1920
- 4) Describe what nationalities came to the country and the government policies toward immigration
- 5) Explain the goals of unions and why they were organized
- 6) Explain the rise of radical political parties

Activities in class and homework assignments will be designed for you to become knowledgeable about these topics.

B) Questions for you consider and about which you need to develop an opinion based on the evidence that you read:

- 1) Were the leaders of industry after the Civil War great American entrepreneurs who helped the country become an economic leader or were they “robber barons” simply interested in their own gain?
- 2) Are unions good for the economy and the country?
- 3) Is immigration a good for the country and should it be regulated?
- 4) How would you rate the quality of national and local political leadership from 1870 to 1920?

C) Performance tasks:

- 1) Write a five-paragraph essay on two of the questions above. Use the rubric to construct your essays!
- 2) Conduct the trial of Standard Oil and write your decision in the case.
- 3) Complete case study readings and study guides as assigned.
- 4) Complete a Test on Unit Three

D) Timeline: Oct 2 through Oct 17