

US History: Introduction of the case study of Standard Oil

I. The Jena Six journal writing. In what ways are the issues of the Civil War still with us? What is your opinion of the situation in Jena, Louisiana? Jena is in the same general area as the last place in the Confederacy to surrender in 1865.

II. Images of the American Centennial Exhibit in Philadelphia, 1876: primary sources

The Corliss Engine was useful as a source of power and important as a reflection of national pride. It was a large steam engine that stood in the center of the hall, dominating the space and seizing the attention of visitors, and supplying the power that drove the hundreds of machines on display in Machinery Hall of the Exhibition. Its importance was emphasized by its central position and imposing size, but also by the decision of the Exhibition organizers to open the celebration officially by having President Ulysses S. Grant and Emperor Dom Pedro of Brazil start the engine.

1. In your group, examine the image of the Corliss Engine. The Corliss Engine was perhaps the most impressive item displayed at the Centennial. Make a list of your observations about this image.
 - o Report your results to your class.
2. After viewing each additional image projected on the screen, each group will write one hypotheses about American life or ideas in 1876 which can be supported by evidence drawn from the image.
3. As a class, consider:
 - o How do you think the Centennial Exhibition reflected the thinking of Americans at the end of Reconstruction?

III. In your group read Chapter 1 in “Business Regulation Case Study: Standard Oil.” Next class, you will be quizzed on the following:

Know what these people did: Andrew Carnegie, Cornelius Vanderbilt, J.P. Morgan

entrepreneur:

infrastructure:

industrialization:

capital:

interchangeable parts:

How did government policy and the Civil War contribute to the industrial revolution in the US?

Assignment: Read Rockefeller Millions (Ch 2, page 7-10). Be prepared to write on #2 in the Suggested Student Exercises on page 10.