



Economic and Industrial History

Choose an event or object from the list.

- use a variety of resources to gather information and facts:
 - factual details
 - important people involved
 - causes and effects
 - impact on the industry and economy of the region
 - geographic locations
 - results of the event or object
- the information may be written as a:
 - report or essay
 - newspaper article
 - informational brochure
- create a visual presentation to showcase the event or object:
 - poster
 - mural
 - timeline
 - model or diorama
- write your opinion of the impact of the event or object on the region:
 - newspaper editorial
 - letter to one of the historical characters involved in the event
 - letter to a modern-day character



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AFL-CIO

- establishment of the AFL
- establishment of the CIO
- merger of the two organizations
- important union leaders
- other important labor unions or organizations, including IWW, WBA, UMW

Battle of Homestead

- important dates: July 2, 1892
July 6, 1892
July 12, 1892
July 21, 1892
November 18, 1892
November 20, 1892
- employee lock-outs and lay-offs
- union: Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers
- demands for wage concessions
- hiring of Pinkerton guards

Beginning of the Steel Era – Focus on the Use/Availability of Coal

- abundance of natural resources, especially coal
- human resources and workforce
- transportation of raw materials and supplies and finished products
- development of business practices and procedures
- abundance of investment and capital
- technical innovations
- variety of regional industry
- multiple uses of steel in industry

End of the Steel Era – Focus on the the Impact of/to the Coal Industry

- availability, cost, and problems with the coal industry
- use of alternate products, ie aluminum and plastics
- declining use of steel
- transportation costs of raw materials, such as coal, increased
- transportation costs of finished products increased
- foreign competition of lower wages
- foreign competition of lower production expenses
- foreign competition of less governmental control and regulation
- need for more investment in technological advances
- focus on greater profit, fewer expenses, stockholder demands
- changes in government regulations and policies



- increased regulations and costs of pollution control
- increased cost of labor and benefits
- more frequent problems between labor and management
- effect of coal mining difficulties on the end of the steel industry
- effect of the end of the steel industry on the demise of coal mining

Development of Organizations to Work With/Against the Industry

- Iron & Coal Police
- Pinkertons
- State Police
- National Guard
- Wobblies
- Molly Maguires