



Industrial History: Dates and Events

1. Choose a date and event from the list.
 - * use a variety of resources to gather information about the event:
 - everything leading up to the event
 - the important people involved in the event
 - the impact of the event on the industry of the region
 - the results of the event
 - * the information may be written as a:
 - report or essay
 - newspaper article
 - informational brochure
 - * create a visual presentation to showcase the event:
 - poster
 - mural
 - timeline
 - model or diorama
 - * write your opinion of the impact of the event on regional history:
 - newspaper editorial
 - letter to one of the historical characters involved in the event
 - letter to a modern-day character
2. Choose 2 of the dates and events from the list.
 - * create a timeline with the two events and other related events
 - * create a Venn diagram to compare and contrast the two events
 - * write an essay to compare and contrast the importance of the events and their impact on the region's economy and industry
 - * show the interrelationships of the two events, showing the impact that each had on the other
3. Choose several of the dates and events.
 - * write several newspaper articles about the events
 - * create a front page newspaper with the articles
 - * include an illustration ("photograph") for the front page



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- 1758 Pittsburgh is founded and named
- 1760 (approx.) Pennsylvania's bituminous coal industry started on Coal Hill
- 1807 the first steam-powered voyage, Robert Fulton's *Claremont*
- 1857 Bessemer Process invented
- 1859 6 Eliza furnaces built
 - * 1928 – averaging 4,300 tons of hot metal daily
 - * 1979 – the furnaces stop production
 - * 1983 – the furnaces are toppled
- 1860 completion of the Pittsburgh to Connellsville Railroad line and the start of the coke boom
- 1865 Act 228 is passed to establish the Coal and Iron Police
- 1877 The Great Uprising railroad strike
- 1878 Sidney Thomas invented the process to line the converter with dolomite
- 1884 Carrie furnaces erected
 - * 1983 – furnaces shut down
- 1886 AFL established
 - * 1935 – CIO established
 - * 1955 – AFL and CIO merge
- 1892 The Homestead Strike
- 1897 The Lattimer Massacre on September 10
- 1902 The Anthracite Coal Strike in Scranton in May
- 1905 formation of the Pennsylvania State Police
- 1913 The Ludlow Massacre



- 1919-1926 Jones & Laughlin phased out the beehive coke ovens and replaced them with by-product ovens
- 1947 Pittsburgh passed an effective smoke ordinance
- 1948 the Donora Inversion
- 1961 Black Friday in April
- 1963 start-up of the Dorothy furnace
- 1964-1965 New York World's Fair with the Unisphere
- 1970-1971 U.S. Steel Building built
- 1982 U.S. Steel acquired Marathon Oil
- 1984 Duquesne Works closed
- 1986 Homestead Works closed
- 1995 Bethlehem Steel Company closed the last furnace after 100 years of steel production