V. Labor Movement Turns Violent

Aim: Why did Labor strikes turn violent in the late 1800s?

Do Now: Read the advertisement below and answer the questions that follow.

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Workingmen, to Arms!!!

Your masters sent out their bloodhounds—the police—; they killed six of your brothers at McCormicks this afternoon. They killed the poor wretches, because they, like you, had the courage to disobey the supreme will of your bosses. They killed them, because they dared ask for the shortenin of the hours of toil. They killed them to show you, "Free American Citizens!", that you most be satisfied and contended with whatever your bosses condescend to allow you, or you will get killed!

You have for years endured the most abject humiliations; you have for years suffered unmeasurable iniquities; you have worked yourself to death; you have endured the pangs of want and hunger; your Children you have sacrificed to the factory-lords—in short: You have been miserable and obedient slave all these years: Why? To satisfy the insatiable greed, to fill the coffers of your lazy thieving master? When you ask them now to lessen your burden, he sends his bloodhounds out to shoot you, kill you

- 1. Why is the newspaper calling for workingmen to Arms?
- 2. How does the passage make you feel?
- 3. What do you think will happen next?

Slide Presentation: Industrial Age

Assignment 1: Watch <u>The Men Who Built America: the Homestead Steel Strike</u> (15:16 to 37:10) and answer the questions.

- 1. Where is the steel mill that Carnegie Retools to produce his steel?
- 2. How does Carnegie plan to reduce his costs of producing steel?

- 3. Who does Carnegie turn to do his dirty work?
- 4. How does Frick plan to make Homestead efficient?
- 5. What was relatively new in America that Frick did not want to take root in Homestead?
- 6. What becomes the breaking point that unites the workers?
- 7. What is Frick's "first punch"?
- 8. How does Frick threaten the striking workers?
- 9. Who are the reinforcements Frick calls in to deal with the Strike?
- 10. What happens between the striking workers and the Pinkertons?
- 11. How does the governor of Pennsylvania restore order?