

Terms

Many of the terms below will be found throughout this packet be sure to have an understanding of the words being used as you read and complete the required task.

monopoly	entrepreneur	J. P. Morgan	laissez-faire
urbanization	the Gilded Age	tenements	trust
Bessemer process	trade unions	corporation	strikes

Essential Questions

Consult your Reading Notes and, when necessary, your Textbook. For each question below, you may record notes that prepare you to answer it. Use these questions to guide you in your learning.

1. How and why did American agriculture and industry develop so dramatically in the late 19th and early 20th century? What roles did climate, natural resources, and trade play in this development?
2. What actions did the government take to encourage business growth in the late 19th century?
3. Why were entrepreneurs, industrialists, and bankers such significant and controversial figures in American politics and business in the late 19th century?
4. Why did the growth of industry contribute to the following: the growth of cities; changing social conditions in cities; increased immigration; and new business opportunities? In what parts of the country were these effects most visible?
5. What were conditions like for factory workers, including children? How did the government's laissez-faire policies toward big business affect those conditions?
6. What strategies did the labor movement use to try to improve working conditions? Who were the leaders of the labor movement? (8.12.6)
7. How did late 19th-century inventors—such as Thomas Edison, the Wright brothers, and Alexander Graham Bell—change the quality of life in America? (8.12.9)
8. In what ways did the Industrial Revolution transform America's economy, society, and politics?