

Chapter 14 - Forging the National Economy (1790-1860)

Essential Question

How did innovations in technology, agriculture, and commerce accelerate the American economy?

Essential Vocabulary

Ecological imperialism

Tammany Hall

Know-Nothing Party

Industrial Revolution

Cotton gin

Factory Girls

Cult of domesticity

Turnpike

Erie Canal

Transportation revolution

Market revolution

Questions/Tasks from Reading

1. What was the difference between the perception and reality of Westward movement?
2. What was the environmental impact of Westward expansion? How did the national park system get created?
3. Where did the immigrants of this time period come from? What was their experience upon entering the United States?
4. What were the nativist developments of the 1840s and 1850s?
5. What was the impact of Eli Whitney's cotton gin?
6. What other technological developments led to increased industrial production?
7. How did the economic developments of the mid-19th century impact women? What was the "cult of domesticity?"
8. What changes took place in American families?
9. What were the technological developments that led to a revolution in agriculture?
10. Take notes on each of the transportation developments in this chapter.
11. Describe the market revolution that took place.