

Industrialization Vocabulary

- Urbanization- a movement of large numbers of people from rural areas to cities; rapid growth of city populations
- Industrialization- the process in which a society, country (or world) transforms itself from a primarily agricultural to industry (factories)

- Assimilation- the process of becoming part of another culture.
- Nativist- a person that wanted to preserve the U.S. for native-born Americans only. Thought that immigrants would not assimilate. Believed that immigrants took away American jobs and brought violence, crime and anarchy

- Robber Baron- a wealthy person who tries to get land, business, or more money in a way that is dishonest or wrong
- Captain of Industry- a business leader whose means of amassing a personal fortune contributes positively to the country in some way.

- Entrepreneur- is someone who sets up new businesses to make a profit.
- Corporation- a business owned by many investors.
- Monopoly- is a company that controls most business in a particular industry.
- Free Enterprise- the system in which privately owned businesses compete freely

- Trust- is a group of corporations run by a single board of directors.
- Social Darwinism- a philosophy based on the work of Charles Darwin. It applied the idea of “survival of the fittest” to business practices.
- Muckraker – journalist who wrote stories and took pictures to expose scandals in business and politics.

- Free Enterprise – an economic system which allows businesses to compete with one another.
- Collective bargaining – used by unions to negotiate with employers to determine wages, hours and working conditions.
- 19th Amendment – gave women the right to vote.