

Advanced Placement United States History
Chapter Fourteen Study Guide pp. 278-307.
The American Pageant

Before reading the chapter, be sure to preview your reading. Look at the headings, pictures, graphs, charts, maps, and cartoons. Read captions carefully. Take care to address “Key Terms” and “People to Know”. This strategy will aid you in your reading comprehension.

1. Describe what life was like for most pioneer families.
2. How did pioneers shape the Western landscape?
3. Who was George Catlin?
4. What were the largest cities in each section of the country by 1860?
5. What problems did urbanization bring?
6. Why did so many immigrants journey to America in the 1840s and 1850s?
7. How many people died during the Irish Potato Famine?
8. Where did many of the Irish settle? How were they treated?
9. Why did the Irish hate blacks?
10. Who were the Molly Maguires?
11. Why did many Germans come to America between 1830 and 1860?
12. How were the German immigrants different than the Irish immigrants? Similar?
13. What contributions did Germans make to American life?
14. Why did European Americans with roots in the United States fear the new immigrants? What actions were taken by so called “nativists?”
15. Why was America slow to embrace the new machinery of the Industrial Revolution?
16. Who was Samuel Slater?
17. Who was Eli Whitney?
18. How did the Cotton Gin affect the American economy?
19. Why was New England a natural place for the country’s industrial center?
20. What is the principle of interchangeable parts? Who invented this system?
21. Who were Elias Howe and Isaac Singer?
22. Who was Samuel Morse?
23. What were working conditions like in the early factories?
24. How did laborers fight for ten-hour workdays and higher wages?
25. What did the Massachusetts Supreme Court rule in *Commonwealth v. Hunt*?
26. What opportunities were available for women outside the home? How many women worked outside of the home in 1850?
27. How did the changing role of women change society?
28. Who were John Deere and Cyrus McCormick?
29. Where did the term “turnpike” come from?
30. Where did the Cumberland Road begin and end?
31. How did Robert Fulton’s steamboat change America?

32. Explain the significance of the Erie Canal.
33. When was the first railroad built? What opposition did the railroads face at first?
34. What was the advantage of clipper ships over steamboats? Why did the clippers die?
35. What was the Pony Express?
36. What eastern city became the seaboard queen of the nation by the middle of the nineteenth century?
37. What type of economic activity did each region of the nation specialize in prior to the Civil War?
38. What political and social implications did the interdependent economic system of the United States create?
39. What happened to the gap between the rich and the poor during the industrialization of America?
40. Read Makers of America: The Irish on pp. 284-285. Read Makers of America: The Germans on pp. 288-289.