

Unit 6: Development of an Industrial United States (1870-1920)

Part 4: "The Rise of Labor in the Industrial Age"

I. Conditions in the Workplace

Cause Workers to Organize

A. The Workplace:

Before the late 1800s, factories were _____ and _____ run. By the late 1800s, factories had become large, crowded, and noisy. Wages were low. In some industries, sweatshops became common. A _____ is a workplace where people labor long _____ in poor conditions for low _____.

B. Child Labor:

In 1900, nearly _____ million children under age _____ worked. Many worked in mills, tobacco factories, garment sweatshops, and coal mines. They had little chance to go to _____.

C. Hazards of Work:

The workplace could be _____. For example, the _____ in textile mills was unhealthy and dust filled. Cave-ins and explosions occurred in _____. Vats of molten metal spilled in _____ mills.

Name: _____
Period: _____

Directions: Using images from magazines, create one "Whole-Brain" Connector for each section of the notes. No words may be used as connectors, images and pictures only.

II. Workers Organize

A. Knights of Labor

1. In 1869, workers formed the _____
_____. At first, the union
was open to _____ workers
only.
2. Knights of Labor president _____
_____ worked to open the
union to immigrants, African Americans,
women, and unskilled workers.
3. Knights goals included a _____
workday, an end to _____ labor, and
equal _____ for men and women.
4. Powderly wanted workers and employers to
share _____ and _____.

B. Haymarket Square Riot

1. Workers at the _____
Harvester Company went on strike. The
Knights did not support the strike.
2. The McCormick Company hired
_____, or replacements
for striking workers.
3. Workers clashed with _____.
Police opened fire, _____ four
workers.

4. The next day, _____, people who oppose all organized government, led a rally in _____ Square.
5. A _____ exploded, killing _____ police officers.
6. Eight anarchists were arrested for what was called the _____.
Anti-labor feeling swept the nation.

C. American Federation of Labor

1. In 1886, _____ organized the _____ of _____ (_____), for skilled workers only.
2. Workers joined a _____, a union of persons in the same trade, and the union then joined the AFL.
3. The AFL worked for higher wages, shorter hours, improved working conditions, and _____, the right of unions to negotiate with management on behalf of workers.
4. African Americans, immigrants, and unskilled workers were _____ from trade unions, and thus, the AFL.

III. Women in the Labor Movement

A. Mother Jones:

_____ devoted much of her life to the cause of _____. By calling attention to _____, she helped pave the way for reform.

B. _____

_____ (_____)

In 1900, garment workers organized the ILGWU, which went on strike for better conditions. More than 20,000 women and men walked off their jobs. After a few weeks, employers met demands for better _____ and shorter _____.

C. Triangle Fire:

In 1911, fire broke out in the _____
_____ Factory in New York City. Nearly _____ people, mostly young women, died because the company had locked the doors to keep workers at their jobs. Their deaths shocked the public and led New York and other states to approve

new _____ laws to _____
factory workers.

IV. Setbacks for Organized Labor

- A. Between 1870 and 1900, two major _____ and three recessions rocked the country. In such hard times, workers lost _____ or experienced _____ cuts.
- B. In the 1870s _____ workers went on strike. In some places, the strikes turned into _____. In the 1870s and the 1890s, _____ organized strike after strike.
- C. The federal government usually sided with _____ owners. Some Presidents sent in _____ to end the strikes. Courts usually ruled against the _____.
- D. In one case, _____ workers were jailed for violating the _____ Act. This act was intended to keep trusts from limiting free _____. The courts, however, said that the strikers were limiting free trade.

E. Union workers staged thousands of strikes during the late 1800s. However, few Americans supported the strikes. Many feared that _____ were run by foreign-born _____.