

A NEW FRONTIER OPENS

industrialization the process of changing from a farming nation to an industrial nation
frontier undeveloped and unexplored land or space
manufactured made in a factory

American *industrialization* began in the early 1800s. However, industry did not cause major changes in American life until the late 1800s.

Until after the Civil War, most Americans made a living from farming. Even after the war, many Americans pushed west looking for new farmland.

By 1890, much of the western *frontier* had been settled. Adventurous Americans looking for new challenges found their new frontier in industry.

The growth in industry was sparked by the Civil War. The war created a need for *manufactured* goods, including shoes, blankets, clothing, guns, and wagons. To make these goods, northern factories sprang up.

After the war, the industrial boom spread to other parts of the country. The South could offer industries power to fuel factories, raw materials, and labor. Valuable natural resources for industry—iron, coal, oil, gold, and silver—were discovered in the West.

These natural resources were put to work in industry by eager inventors from all parts of the nation. Businessmen and bankers joined the effort by putting up money for the new industries.

When did American industrialization begin?

How did most Americans make a living until after the Civil War?

What became the new American frontier after the West was settled?

How did the Civil War spark growth in industry?