* Following the Civil War and Reconstruction (1861-1877), the United States experienced a phase of rapid **industrialization**
	+ Mechanization of labor in factories = **machines mass producing consumer goods**
	+ Population transitions from rural settlements to cities = **urbanization**
* This period is known as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and lasted from 1870-1900.
	+ Why did Mark Twain call this period the Gilded Age?

**Gilded Age Inventions/Innovations**

* America’s industrial revolution began with a wave of new inventions
	+ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ made businesses more efficient
	+ Guglielmo Marconi’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and **Alexander Graham Bell**’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ revolutionized communication
	+ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ created a cheap way to transform iron into stronger, lighter **steel**
		- *Steel was the dominant building material of the Gilded Age*

**Thomas Edison**

* **Thomas Edison was the greatest inventor of the 1800’s**
* **His inventions included:**

**Railroads**

* America’s first “big business” were the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Large companies bought small railroads, standardized gauges and schedules, and pooled cars
* As railroads expanded, so did the rest of the U.S. economy
* The 1st \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was finished in 1869
* Railroads stimulated demand for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Steel**

* Lighter and stronger than iron, steel was essential for the construction of

**Tycoons of the Gilded Age: Robber Barons or Captains of Industry?**

* **Cornelius Vanderbilt**
* **Andrew Carnegie**
	+ Dominated the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ industries during the Gilded Age
	+ Carnegie made high quality steel at the lowest price by adopting the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in his steel mills
	+ Carnegie Steel produced more steel than all of the steel factories in Great Britain combined
	+ How did Carnegie represent the American dream?

**Was Andrew Carnegie a Robber Baron or a Captain of Industry?**

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| **Robber Baron**  | **Captain of Industry**  |
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* **John D. Rockefeller**
	+ Industrialization led to a demand for oil for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ Rockefeller’s company, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, dominated the oil industry during the Gilded Age
	+ Rockefeller used ruthless business tactics to buy out competing companies and eliminate all competition
	+ By 1879, Standard Oil controlled \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the oil in America = **Monopoly**

**Was John D. Rockefeller a Robber Baron or a Captain of Industry?**

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| **Robber Baron**  | **Captain of Industry**  |
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* **J.P Morgan**

**New Forms of Business Organization**

* In the 17th and 18th centuries, goods were produced by families out of their homes = “Cottage Industries”
* Beginning in the 19th century, manufacturing transitioned to small, individually owned factories
* During the Gilded Age, massive **corporations**, with multiple owners sharing the risk and profit, replaced small family businesses
* Vanderbilt, Carnegie, and Rockefeller changed the way businesses were organized
	+ **Trusts:**
	+ **Holding Companies:**

**Methods of Consolidation**

* **Horizontal Integration:**



* **Vertical Integration:**
* The merging of businesses through vertical and horizontal integration led to giant companies called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, which controlled the majority of an industry
	+ Example of monopolies include Rockefeller’s Standard Oil and Carnegie’s Carnegie Steel
* Monopolies became known as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, because they were often ran by a board of trustees
* Monopolists justified their wealth in a variety of ways:
	+ **“Gospel of Wealth”**:
	+ **Social Darwinism :**
* During the Gilded Age, the U.S. government practiced a “**laissez-fair**” policy that benefited large corporations
* Define **laissez-fair economics:**