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**Vocabulary**

“Self-Reliance”

Rendezvous

Ecological imperialism

Ancient Order of Hibernians

Molly Maguires

Tammany Hall

Know-Nothing Party

*Awful Disclosures*

Cotton gin

Patent Office

Limited liability

Commonwealth v. Hunt

Cult of domesticity

McCormick reaper

Turnpike

Erie Canal

Clipper ships

Pony Express

Transportation revolution

Market revolution

**Reading Questions**

1. What were the characteristics of the people moving westward in the first half of the 19th Century?

2. How did the people moving westward change the landscape of the American West?

3. How is the growth of the United States population from 1790-1860 changing the United States?

4. Explain the reason for the increase in Irish immigration to the U.S. beginning in the mid-1840s.

5. Describe the treatment the Irish faced once they immigrated to the United States.

6. Why was there an increase in the number of Germans coming to the United States between 1830 and 1860?

7. How did Germans contribute to American culture and lifestyle during the 19th century?

8. What “nativist” backlash occurred against immigrants to the United States during the 1840s and 1850s?

9. What were the primary reasons that industrialism was slow to catch on in the United States?

10. Explain the contribution of Samuel Slater to the creation of U.S. industrialism.

11. How did the invention of the cotton gin by Eli Whitney in 1793 change the history of the United States?

12. Why was the principle of interchangeable parts so important to the rise of American industrialism?

13. Identify the invention of each of the following people and describe its significance.

- Elias Howe/Isaac Singer

- Samuel F.B. Morse

14. Workers and “Wage Slaves”- How did the rise in American industrialism change the plight of workers in the U.S.?

15. What is the significance of the Supreme Court case *Commonwealth v. Hunt*?

16. How does the increase in American industrialism change life for some girls/women in the United States?

- Lowell, Massachusetts

17. Describe the concept of the “cult of domesticity.”

18. How were families changing in the first half of the 19th century?

19. Describe the relationship between corn farmers and the pork industry in the early 1800s.

20. How did the inventions of John Deere and Cyrus McCormick transform farming in the American West?

21. Explain how the expansion of roads and the creation of steamboats transformed American transportation and commerce.

22. Describe the significance of the Erie Canal.

23. Why is the map in the section called The Iron Horse significant in showing a concentration of railroad expansion in the North between 1850 and 1860?

24. Explain the overall effect of the increase in roads, canals, railroads, steamboats, etc. on the United States between 1820 and 1860.

25. Why is the period in American history from 1820-1860 sometimes called “The Market Revolution”?