

★ Guided Reading Activity 3-2

DIRECTIONS: Identifying Supporting Details Read each main idea. Use your textbook to supply the details that support or explain each main idea.

Main Idea: American industry grew rapidly after the Civil War, bringing revolutionary changes to American society.

1. **Detail:** By the early 1900s, the United States was the world's leading _____. The nation's _____ was eight times greater than it was when the Civil War ended.
2. **Detail:** An abundance of _____ was one reason for the industrial success and another reason was _____. Population growth provided industry with a larger _____ and a greater demand for _____.
3. **Detail:** New inventions, which led to the founding of new corporations, also transformed American Society, like Edison's company in 1882 called the _____.

Main Idea: After the Civil War, the rapid construction of railroads accelerated the nation's industrialization and linked the country together.

4. **Detail:** To make rail service more reliable, in 1883 the _____ divided the country into four _____, or regions where the same time was kept.
5. **Detail:** By linking the nation, railroads helped to _____ Americans in different regions. To encourage railroad construction, the government gave _____ to railroad companies.

Main Idea: Big business assumed a more prominent role in American life after the Civil War.

6. **Detail:** By 1900 big businesses dominated the economy, operating vast complexes of _____.
7. **Detail:** _____, the owner of a steel company in Pittsburgh, began the _____ of the steel industry by buying companies that supplied the materials needed for making steel.

Main Idea: In an attempt to improve their working conditions, industrial workers came together to form unions in the late 1800s.

8. **Detail:** Despite the difficult working conditions for workers, industrialism brought about a dramatic rise in the _____.
9. **Detail:** Owners of large corporations opposed _____, which united all craft workers and common laborers in a particular industry.
10. **Detail:** The American Federation of Labor pushed for _____ meaning that companies could only hire union members.

Causes	Effects	

The United States Becomes an Industrial Nation