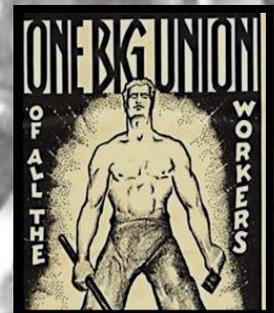


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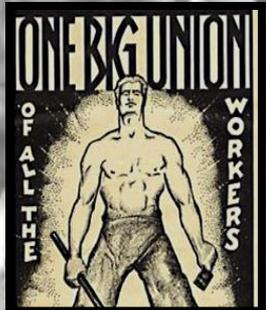
NEED FOR REFORM:

With the arrival of thousands of immigrants, cities and their industries boomed.

This rapid growth of cities created problems.

A small number of people held a large proportion of the nation's wealth.





NEED FOR REFORM:

Workers faced long hours, dangerous conditions, poor pay, and an uncertain future.

Big Business became allied with government.

Political Machines, which offered services in return for votes, controlled city governments.





NEED FOR REFORM:

As the U.S. entered the **20th Century**, demand arose to combat these ills.



Help came from the **Progressives**.



All workers, whether they were immigrants or "locals", faced horrible conditions.





NEED FOR REFORM:

The **situation** was **worse** for **women and children**, who occasionally made up a high percentage of the work force but received but a fraction of the wages a man could earn.

Technological improvements continually **reduced** the **demand** for **skilled labor**.





NEED FOR REFORM:

Before 1874, when Massachusetts passed the nation's first legislation limiting the number of hours women and child factory workers could perform to 10 hours a day, virtually **no labor legislation** existed in the **U.S.**



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NEED FOR REFORM:

The **U.S. Government did not get involved until the 1930s.** Until then, the field was left to the state and local authorities.

What was the culprit of all these problems?

ECONOMICS!!!



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NEED FOR REFORM:

**More specifically...
laissez-faire capitalism.**



**Laissez-faire is French for
"let them do".**



**In a laissez-faire system,
governments do not regulate or
interfere with businesses...
which is GREAT for owners but
BAD for workers.**



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NEED FOR REFORM:

British philosopher and economist **Adam Smith** brought this **concept** to the **U.S.**

He **promoted** **laissez-faire** in his essay *The **Wealth of Nations*** (**1776**).



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NEED FOR REFORM:

In **Smith's view**, the production and exchange of goods, as well as **raising the standard of living**, could only occur if there was **minimum regulation and control by the government**.



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NEED FOR REFORM:

To explain this better, **Smith stated** that **every person** (in pursuing his or her own good) **is led**, as if **by** an **“invisible hand”**, to achieve the best good for all.

Therefore, **any interference by the government is harmful.**

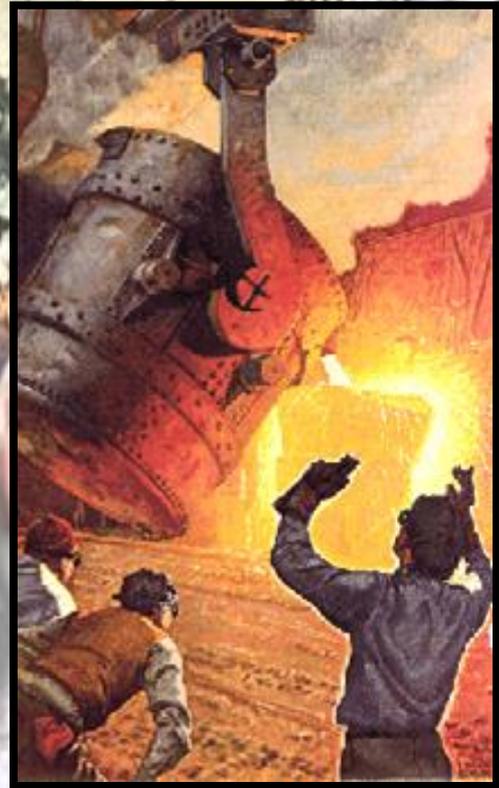


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NEED FOR REFORM:

The principles of laissez-faire and free trade appealed strongly to the growing class of capitalists of the Industrial Revolution.



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INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION:

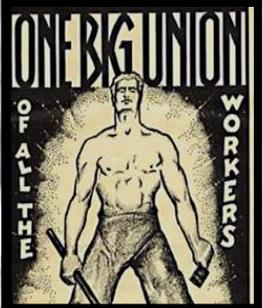
What was the Industrial Revolution?



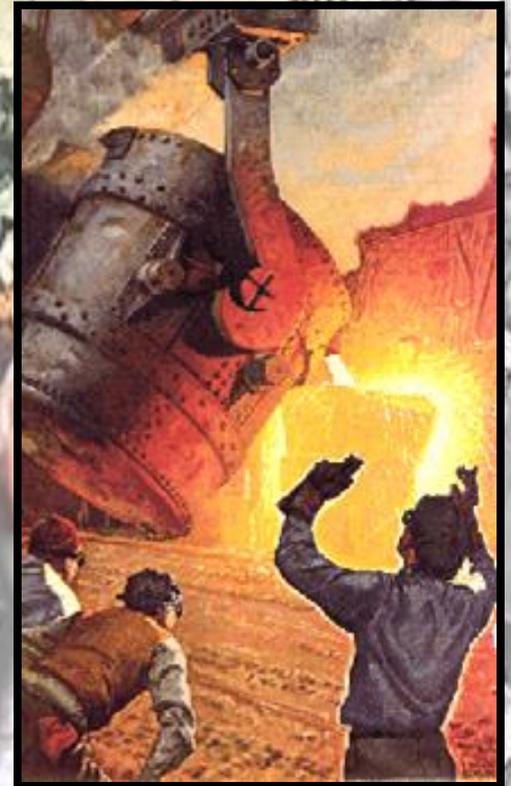
There were 2 IRs:

1st IR (1760-1850)

2nd IR (1871-1914)



Technically always happening.

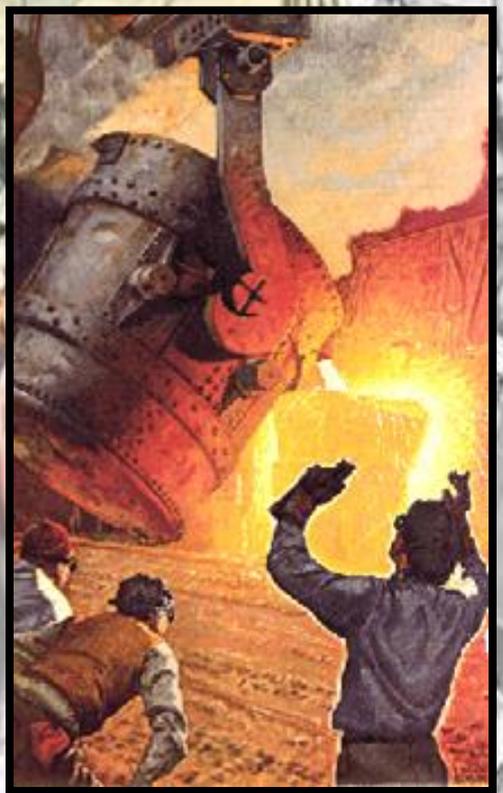




INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION:

Both revolutions were major technological, socioeconomic, and cultural changes.

Both resulted from the replacement of an economy based on manual labor to one dominated by industry and machine manufacture.





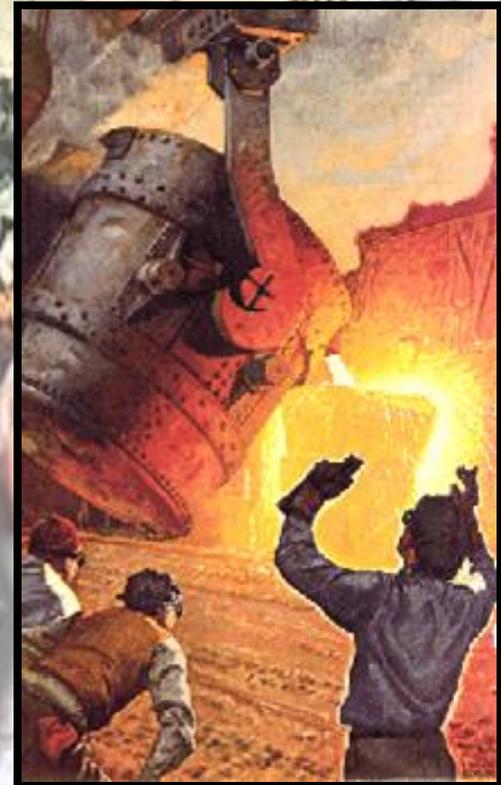
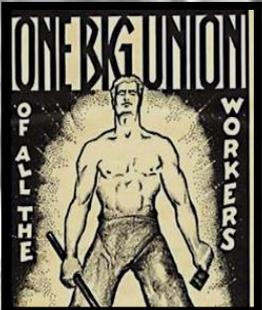
INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION:

Simply put...

Before IR: no machines

After IR: machines

The **IR** is viewed as the **second most important revolution in human history after the Neolithic Revolution (8000-7000 BC).**



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WHAT
DID WE
LEARN
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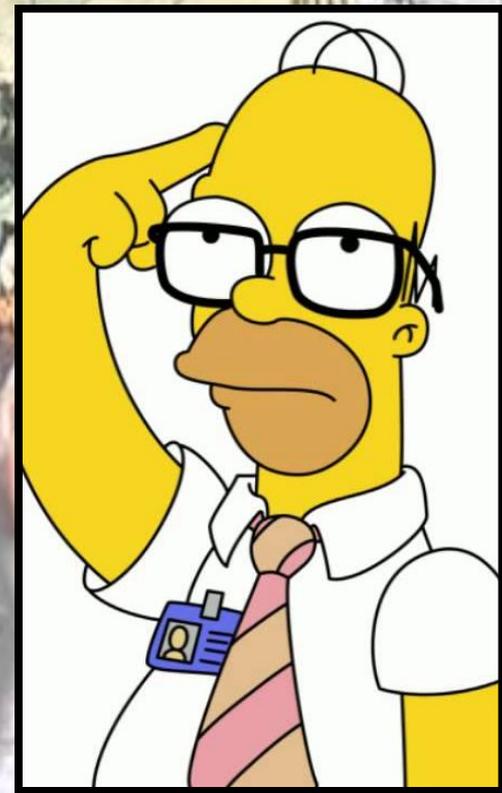


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QUESTION 1 

1. Explain laissez-faire capitalism.

(Be sure to provide the definition AND explain it.)



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QUESTION

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2. Why did British economist Adam Smith believe there should be minimum regulation by the government?



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QUESTION 3 

3. When did the First Industrial Revolution begin and end? When did the Second Industrial Revolution begin and end?



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QUESTION 4 

4. How did the First and Second Industrial Revolutions change the nature of labor in the U.S.?



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QUESTION 5

5. What happened during the Neolithic Revolution? Why are the two Industrial Revolutions seen as the second most important revolutions in human history?

-  **THINK**
-  **CHECK**
-  **SUBMIT**



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