The Industrialization of the United States CONSEQUENCES

1860's - 1910's

SSUSH12 The student will analyze important consequences of American industrial growth.

- a. Describe Ellis Island, the change in immigrants' origins to southern and eastern Europe and the impact of this change on urban America.
- b. Identify the American Federation of Labor and Samuel Gompers.
- c. Describe the growth of the western population and its impact on Native Americans with reference to Sitting Bull and Wounded Knee.
- d. Describe the 1894 Pullman strike as an example of industrial unrest.

Native Americans and Westward Expansion



- In the 1860s, the <u>US</u> government began forcing Native Americans onto reservations.
- Settlers pushed the buffalo (a sacred animal in Native traditions) to the brink of extinction.
- Faced with no other options, Native Americans had no choice but to fight back.





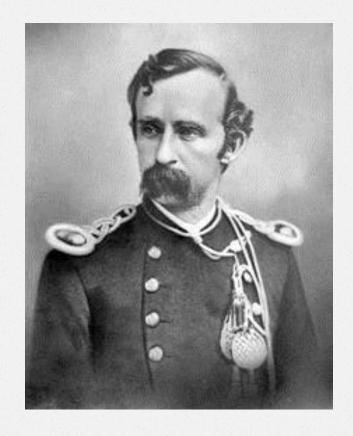


- In 1875, gold was discovered in the hills of South Dakota.
- Miners began settling on Sioux tribal lands in search of gold.
- Sioux leader, Sitting Bull, assembled his own army of Natives to drive the settlers out.





- In June 1876, the US sent General George Custer to battle the Sioux.
- Custer's 700 men were slaughtered by 7,000
 Sioux Indians at the Battle of Little Big Horn.
- The US Army retaliated, crushing the Sioux, and forcing Sitting Bull to flee to Canada.







- In response to the loss of their land and the buffalo, many <u>Natives</u> welcomed a religious revival based on the Ghost Dance.
- Fearing the Ghost Dance would cause problems, the US government ordered the capture and arrest of Sitting Bull.
- In a confrontation over his arrest, Sitting Bull was killed.





- As Natives fled after Sitting Bull's murder, troops were sent out to capture them.
- At Wounded Knee Creek, troops slaughtered over 100 Native men, women and children.
- The Wounded Knee Massacre effectively ended the Native attempts to push back the white settlers.





Natives Forced to Assimilate



Immigration



- With help from new railroad lines, cities become magnets for rural Americans.
- Factories offer work for skilled laborers, job opportunities for women and education for children.
- Seizing on these new opportunities, a new waves of immigrants began arriving on America's shores.





Immigrants Flock to America

- Beginning in the mid-1800's, the origins of immigrants change from Western Europe to Southern and Eastern Europe.
- Hundreds of <u>Italian</u>, <u>Polish and Russian</u> immigrants arrived daily.
- Many immigrants were forced to live in <u>tenements</u> – low-cost, urban family housing developments that squeezed in as many families as possible.







- <u>Ellis Island</u> Port in New York Harbor that processed immigrants coming from Europe.
- <u>Angel Island</u> Port in San Francisco Bay that processed immigrants coming from Asia.

Ellis Island



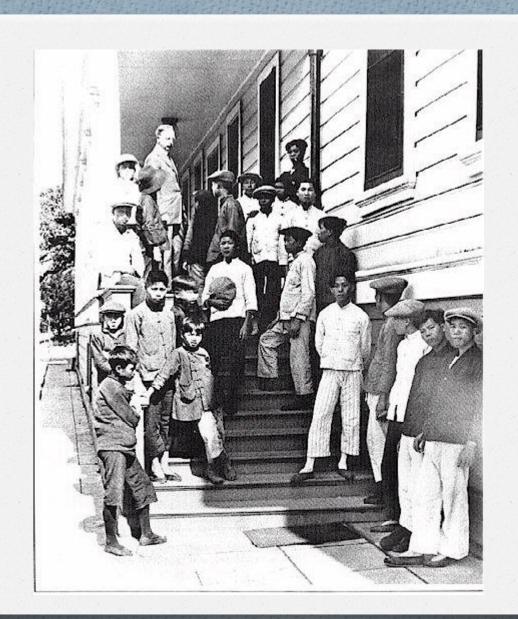




Angel Island







The Organized Labor Movement



- In the late 19th century, factory owners employed various ways to maximize profits and keep costs low.
 - They hired children and immigrant labor that would work for low wages.
 - They forced workers to work 12 hour days and 6 day work weeks.
 - Little attention was given to safety. <u>Many workers died</u> <u>from factory accidents.</u>







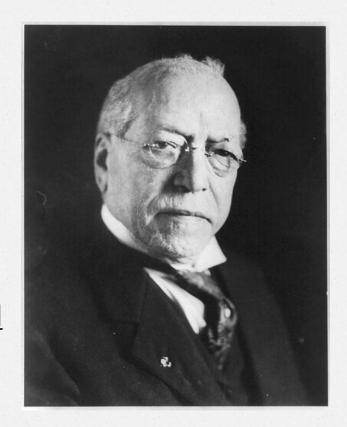


- Despite increased production and lowered costs, many who worked the factories still could not afford basic necessities.
- Many workers began to practice <u>collective bargaining</u> with their employers; <u>negotiating for higher wages</u> <u>and better working</u> conditions.
- One form of protest used was the <u>strike</u> – <u>when workers</u> <u>refuse to work until their</u> <u>demands are met</u>.



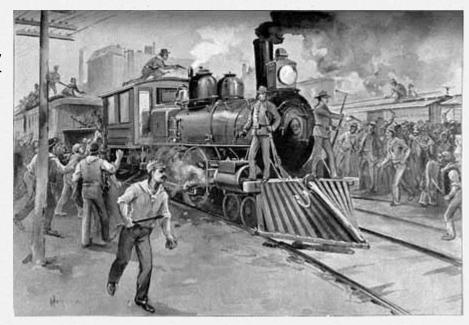


- Samuel Gompers
- 1886 Gompers
 founded the AFL
 (American Federation of Labor)
- The AFL union worked to improve wages, working conditions and working hours for its members.



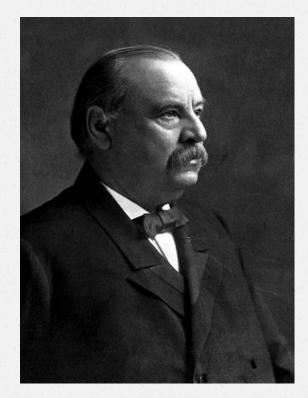


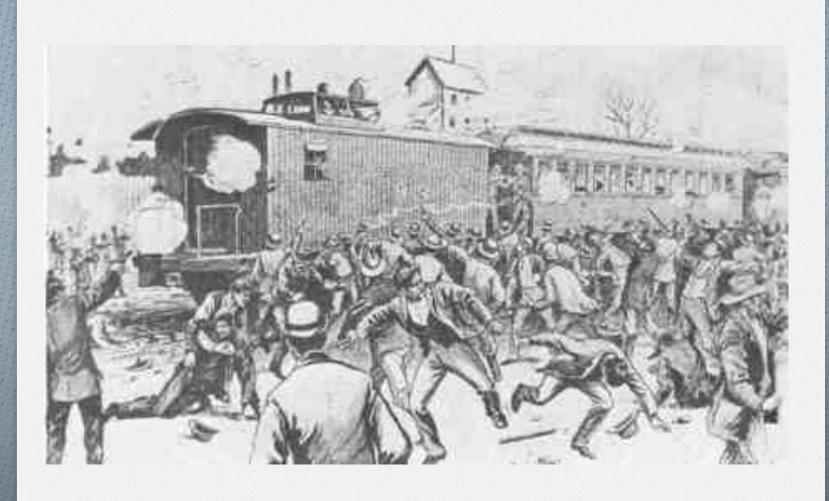
- George Pullman owner of a company that <u>produced luxury</u> railroad cars
- In May 1894, workers began a strike protesting wage cuts and layoffs.
- The strike grew violent with many protestors destroying rail lines and equipment.





- Because the <u>Pullman Strike</u> was interrupting the delivery of federal mail, President Grover Cleveland (right) took action.
- <u>12,000 federal troops were</u>
 <u>sent to stop the protestors.</u>
- When troops arrived, riots broke out which led to the deaths of 30 people.







- After the Pullman Strike and other instances of industrial unrest, <u>many employers began to use</u> the court system to reduce the power of labor unions.
- For the next 30 years, the federal government would argue with labor unions and employers over a number of work-related issues.