



# **LESSON OBJECTIVES:**

#### Students will be able to

- Explain how the abundance of natural resources, new recovery and refining methods, and new uses for them led to intensive industrialization.
- Identify inventions that changed the way people lived and worked.

# **ESSENTIAL QUESTION:**

What impact did scientific discoveries and manufacturing processes have on the nature of work, the American labor movement, and American businesses?

# THE UNITED STATES INDUSTRIALIZES

#### Where did most Americans live in 1860?

On farms! We were a rural nation!

#### When does this concept change?

- After the Civil War!
- This period (1865 to 1898) is the Second Industrial Revolution
- Millions of people began working in mines and factories!

#### What causes this change?

- Technology advances especially ELECTRICITY!
- By early 1900 America will become the leading industrial nation.

What is the gross national product (GNP): the total value of all goods and services a country produces during a year!

By 1900, America's GNP will be 3 times what it had been in 1860!

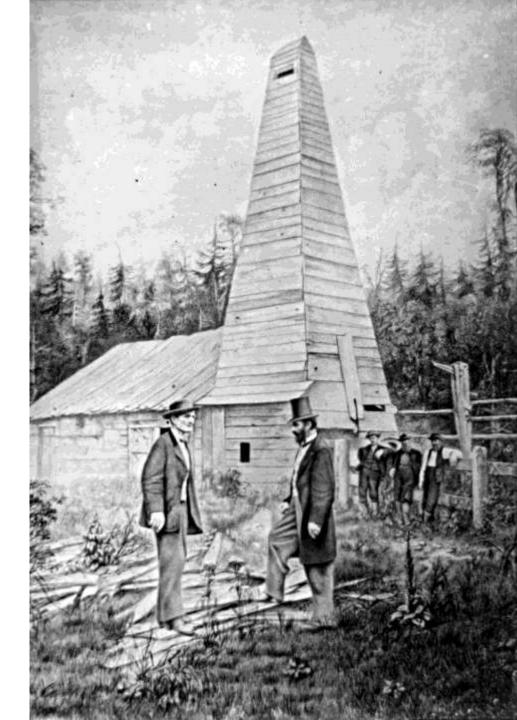
# NATURAL RESOURCES

#### Why was America the world's leading industrial power?

- Wealth of natural resources: timber, coal, iron, and copper
  - America DID NOT have to import any raw materials from other nations!
  - Most of these resources were in the American West which spurred the westward migration
  - Western settlement helped to accelerate industrialization!
  - Railroad!!! Carried miners and settlers west and resources east.
- Government support for businesses
- Growing urban population

#### Black Gold!

- Pre-European arrival, Native Americans used oil for fuel and medicine.
- 1859: Edwin L. Drake successfully used steam power to drill for oil
- Petroleum: refining industry first made kerosene and then gasoline
- This new fuel source was in high demand!





# A LARGE WORKFORCE

#### What will allow this industrial growth?

 Human resources! This is EQUAL in importance to natural resources

## How much did the US population grow between 1860 and 1910?

- Our population TRIPLED!
- This provides industry with a significant workforce.
- This also creates a demand for finished products.

# What caused this massive population growth?

- Large families & massive immigration
- Better living conditions mean that more children surviving to adulthood
- The social and economic struggles in Europe and China forced people to seek another place to live.
- Between 1870 and 1910: 17 million immigrants arrive in America

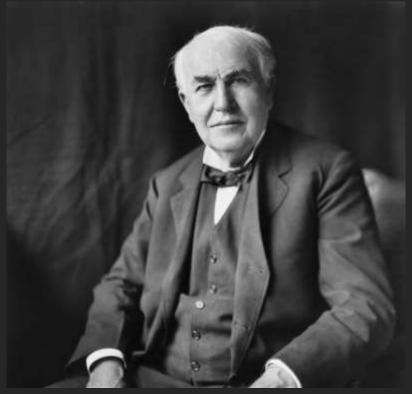
## NEW INVENTIONS

# New inventions are important to the industrialization process:

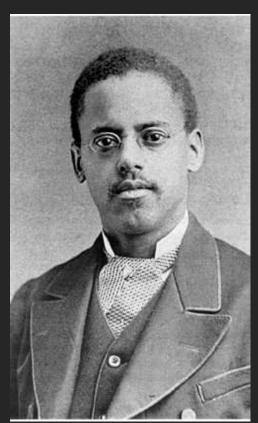
- Technology encouraged new industries being formed
- Technology increases the wealth of the people
- Technology increases the numbers of jobs in America!

#### **Electrical Power:**

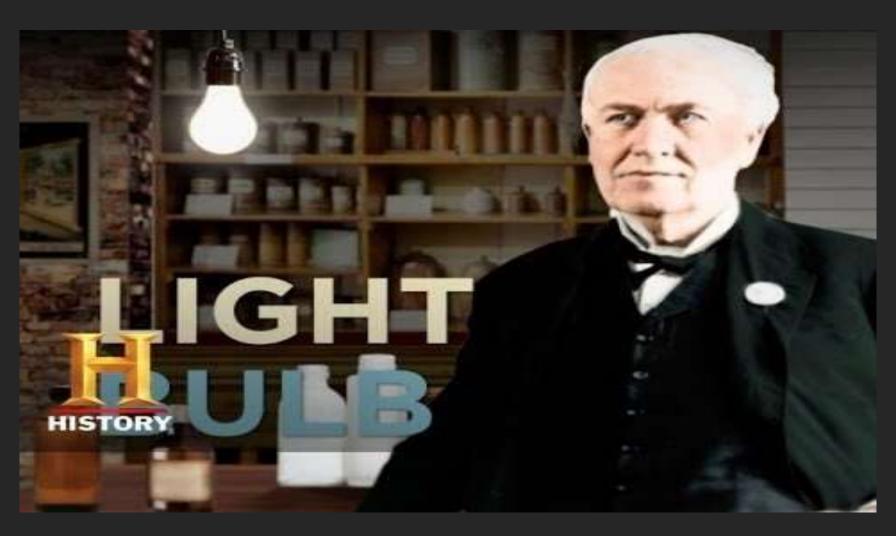
- Thomas Alva Edison: pioneer and innovator.
- 1877: invented the phonograph
- 1879: perfected the electric generator & the lightbulb
- His workshop also invented the battery and the motion picture.
- Lewis Latimer (1882 Edison employee): invented a process to make a cheap, long-lasting filament for lightbulbs



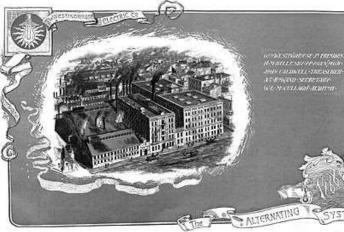




# THOMAS EDISON AND THE LIGHT BULB





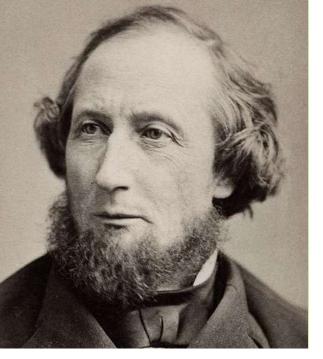


### How did electricity change further?

- George Westinghouse: developed alternate current (AC) systems
- AC distributes electricity over long distances using transformers

#### How did AC change lives?

- More people are able to have electricity
- Improves their standard of living
- City streets become safer as streetlights were installed
- Electric trolleys supported the movement of many people
- Increased productivity in home chores







# INVENTIONS CHANGE LIVES

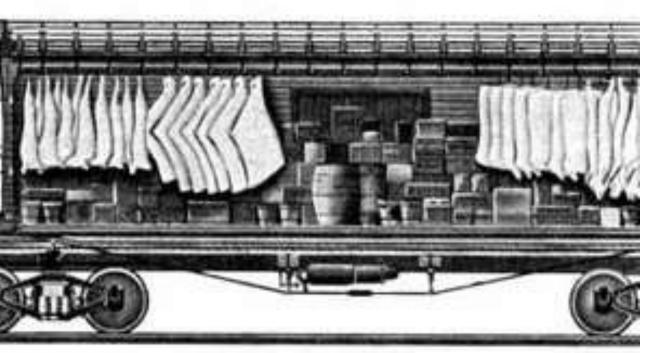
**Cyrus Field:** transatlantic telegraph cable connecting Europe and America (1874)

Alexander Graham Bell: succeeded in creating the telephone

- 1876: transmitted sound across electrical wires
- 1877: founded Bell Telephone Company (eventually AT&T)
- The telephone transformed communication & increased our standard of living







**Thaddeus Lowe:** invented the ice making machine

Gustavus Swift: invested in refrigerated railroad cars

- Because fresh food can be shipped safely (especially meat) the price of food DROPS!
- Food quality also rapidly increases

Christopher Sholes: invented the typewriter!

Josephine Cochrane: developed the automatic dishwasher

**George Eastman:** patented the handheld camera

Frank & Charles Duryea: gasoline powered carriage

# THE MEN WHO BUILD AMERICA: TRAITS OF A TITAN