

### **DBQ The Industrial Boom**

**Documents: Answer each of the questions in ONE sentence and by pulling out ONE quote from the document that supports your answer.**

Document 1:

1. How would the system described above help to cut labor costs and make factory production more efficient?

The system described above would help to cut labor costs and make factory production more efficient since it would reduce the number of workers that would need to be hired to handle factory work.

“This includes mechanical arrangements for lifting material, etc. from one floor to another, carriages for conveying material on the same floor, and such like.”

Document 2: (**Answer each question in ONE sentence/no quote needed**)

1. Summarize this information in one short sentence.

The amount of railroad track in the United States increased significantly (by about 6x) between 1860 and 1900, with the build rate increasing as time went on.

2. Explain how the growth of the railroad promoted industrialization.

The growth of the railroad promoted industrialization since it allowed easier access and transportation to other parts of the country and thus more markets for trading.

Document 3:

1. How did these planks (parts) of the Republican platform promote the industrial and commercial growth of the country?

These planks of the Republican platform promoted the industrial and commercial growth of the country since it encouraged the funding of the construction of a transcontinental railroad.

“... a railroad to the Pacific Ocean is imperatively demanded by the interests of the whole country ... the Federal government ought to render immediate and efficient aid in its construction.”

Document 4: (**Answer in TWO sentences/no quote needed**)

1. How do Documents 3 and 4 help explain why industry boomed in the late nineteenth century?

Documents 3 and 4 help explain why industry boomed in the late nineteenth century since they show that industrialization was supported mainly by the Republican party. Document 3 mentions that they supported adjusting tariffs, the rights of immigrants, river/harbor improvements, and a transcontinental railroad, and Document 4 shows that the people mainly elected Republican presidents during the 1860 – 1900 time frame, when industrialization started to boom in the United States.

Document 5: (**Answer in TWO sentences/no quote needed**)

1. How do these charts help answer our main question?

These charts help answer our main question since it shows that America has shifted from farming/agriculture to mechanical power. In 1850, industrial and agricultural power sources were predominantly human & animal powered, but in 1900, it shifted to mostly water and coal power (a rise of 38% in those 50 years).

Document 6:

1. Look back to the historical context paragraphs that discuss those factors that slowed the development of industrialism (**Get quote from there**). Document 6 illustrates how one of those factors was overcome. Explain.

Immigrants from other countries were given more rights and were backed by the Republican party, which led to more immigrants by the 1900s.

“... the Republican party is opposed to any change in our naturalization laws, or any state legislation by which the rights of ... immigrants from foreign lands shall be abridged [reduced] or impaired [harmed].”

Document 7:

1. What process is being described here?

The Carnegie Steel Company was a vertical integration since they controlled the entire supply and production process of steel.

2. Which other big industries of the late nineteenth century went through this same process?

Other big industries of the late nineteenth century that went through this same process were the oil and railroad industries.

**Question: What factors helped to promote America’s huge industrial growth during the period from 1860 to 1900?**

Find 3 quotes in the documents that answer the above question and type them below. **Make sure to CITE the Document # after each quote.**

1. "... a railroad to the Pacific Ocean is imperatively demanded by the interests of the whole country ... the Federal government ought to render immediate and efficient aid in its construction." (3)
2. "... everything that could be done to reduce labor in the movement of materials from one point to another was adopted. This includes mechanical arrangements" (1)
3. "... the Carnegie Steel Company ... inaugurated a policy whose object was to control all the factors which contributed to the production of steel, from the ore and coal in the ground to the steel billet and the steel rail." (7)

**AWWWC THESIS:** Create a strong defensible argument/claim answering the prompt (question) by following the model below. Thesis must be five sentences in length for full credit.

**First Sentence A:** Answer the prompt in one strong statement/claim.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sentence W:** Evidence why the first sentence is true

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sentence W:** 2<sup>nd</sup> piece of evidence why the first sentence is true

**4<sup>th</sup> Sentence W:** 3<sup>rd</sup> piece of evidence why the first sentence is true

**5<sup>th</sup> Sentence C:** Conclude your arguments in one summary sentence

**AWWC Thesis:**

A transcontinental railroad, shift from farming to industry, and growth in businesses helped to promote America's huge industrial growth during the period from 1860 to 1900. The transcontinental railroad would help to provide easier access throughout the country for trading, including connecting the inland area to the coast for trading internationally. Factories in the United States reduced costs of labor by using mechanical alternatives for moving materials instead of hiring more people. Many companies and businesses also became successful during this period since they ran new industries like the oil and steel industries, which would create monopolies in those industries. Due to easier access throughout parts of the country and internationally, reduced costs of labor, and growth in businesses due to controlling supply processes, these caused America's huge industrial growth between 1860 and 1900.