

## Goal 2: U.S. History



### ***A Biography of America: The Rise of Capitalism Viewing Guide***

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1. How many people lived in the United States in 1801?
  2. What percentage of the U.S. population lived in cities and towns?
  3. How many Americans were there in 1901?
  4. What percentage of the U.S. population worked and lived on farms?
  5. What was the basis to Adam Smith's *Wealth of Nations*?
  6. What did Smith say about the "division of labor"?
  7. What two different revolutions merged to form the American Industrial Revolution?
  8. Why was William Slater important to the American Industrial Revolution?
  9. What were textile mills and how did they operate?
  10. Why did Thomas Jefferson dislike the British style of industrialization?
  11. How did Slater deal with the shortage of labor?

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12. How did Slater attract farm families to work in his mills?
13. Who made up the work force of the Lowell textile mills?
14. How were the Lowell mills different from those in Manchester, England?
15. What eventually ended the Lowell mills experiment?
16. What did steam power mean to the textile industry?
17. What four northern cities were the first to benefit from a growing market revolution?
18. What two towns were connected by the Erie Canal?
19. What mid-western town was the fastest growing in the United States?
20. Why was a canal between the Chicago and Illinois Rivers so important?
21. What happened to the Pottawatomie Indians due to the growth of Chicago?
22. From where did Chicago get its money for development?
23. What new mode of transportation greatly impacted the rise of Chicago?
24. What other mid-western town became Chicago's rival?
25. How did disease spread in Chicago?