**America Will Be: Chapter 17-Lessons 1-2: The Industrial North STUDY GUIDE**

**Vocabulary**

Industrial Revolution-a period of great social and economic change when products began to be made in factories by machines

factory-a building or group of buildings in which goods are manufactured

tenement-a low-rental apartment building, often overcrowded and poorly maintained

**Inventions for Industry**

* 1770 to 1840-many inventions changed the way people shipped and made good like locomotives (trains), shoes, clothes, etc.
* Instead of people individually making one good, factories were built and produced many of that items quickly.

**Industry in the United States**

* Britain didn’t want to share inventions with other countries.
* Textile factories were powered by water from streams nearby (water wheels).
* Cotton was spun into thread and woven into cloth to make clothes throughout the US.
* New England states contained the most textile mills.
* Young, unmarried women worked in mills for very little money and worked 13 hours a day.

**Changes in Transportation**

* 1820s-1840 brought the development of shipping through canals and railroads (water & trains).

**Immigration to the United States**

* 1830 to 1850s= 2.5 million immigrants came to the US from England, Norway, Scotland, Sweden, Wales, Ireland and Germany.
* Irish came to escape starvation-potato famine/disease in 1840s. Irish traveled to big cities in New England, since they didn’t want to farm.
* Germans came to start larger and richer farms in the Midwest.

**The Move to Cities**

* Immigrants settled in areas with people from their homeland where they spoke the same languages, etc.

**Treatment of Immigrants**

* Huge increase in population in cities-overcrowded, but it was very exciting and lively to live there.
* Four families would live in small basement with no heat, lights, water, or windows since they couldn’t afford anything more. This created tenements.
* Immigrants didn’t make a lot of money. They were excited to be out of their homeland, so they worked for very little money.
* Americans already living in the US thought immigrants were strange and different (religion, food, culture, etc).