

8SS Newsletter – 10.14.20

Hello 8th Grade Families,

The students just finished up the Western Frontier and will begin studying The Industrial Revolution. Innovations in technology and new business combinations helped the United States develop into a great industrial power. By the year 1900, United States industrial production was the greatest in the world. Innovations in technology and economics have transformed national and regional economies into a global economy. Developments in transportation and communications have made international trade an economic driving force in today's world.

Students will examine the growth of big business by focusing on Rockefeller's oil industry and Carnegie's steel industry. We will discuss their business strategies of horizontal and vertical integration which led to their control of the oil and steel markets. Students will also analyze the hazardous working conditions at the turn of the century and gain an understanding of why and how labor unions were formed. Students will analyze primary sources, discuss images from the time period, investigate labor injustice through songs, and view media that will support their learning.

All materials and assignments can be found on the Social Studies Google Classroom. Enjoy the rest of your week!

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Mrs. Esquivel