

Rise of Big Business

GADOE Teacher Notes: Guided Reading, Vocabulary, and Review

Students will access the GADOE Teacher Notes and review the content for Standards #11a- #11c (The Gilded Age – The Rise of Big Business) pgs. 106 - 111

Standards Covered:

SSUSH11- Examine connections between the rise of big business, the growth of labor unions, and technological innovations

- a. Explain the effects of railroads on other industries including steel and oil
- b. Examine the significance of John D. Rockefeller and Andrew Carnegie in the rise of trusts and monopolies
- c. Examine the influence of key inventions on US infrastructure, including but not limited to the telegraph, telephone, and electric light bulb

Guided Reading Questions: Rise of Big Business

1. What was the importance of railroads? How did railroads lead to a “national market”?
2. How did the spread of railroads lead to the growth of the steel industry? Oil production?
3. Who was John D. Rockefeller? What industry did he control?
4. What is vertical integration? What is the result?
5. What company did Rockefeller form?
6. By 1879, how much of the oil production was controlled by Rockefeller and Standard Oil?
7. Define monopoly or trust. What problem did monopolies cause for consumers?
8. Who was Andrew Carnegie? What company did he create?
9. What process allowed steel to be made more efficiently?
10. What elements of steel production did Carnegie control?
11. How was Carnegie different from other big business leaders?
12. What was the importance of the telegraph? The telephone?
13. Who was Thomas Edison?
14. What effect did the electric light bulb have on factories?