

Chapter 4 – Section 3

Industrialization & Workers

- 1. Why was the *Contract Labor Act* passed during the Civil War and what did it do?
- 2. Why did 8-9 million Americans move to the cities in the late 1800's?
- 3. Why was factory work a “family affair”?

- 4. Describe a typical family's work/school arrangement.
- 5. What happened to needy families who lost their jobs?
- 6. Describe a typical work day/week.

- 7. Describe the system of *piecework*.
- 8. How did increasing efficiency negatively affect workers?
- 9. How did the routine of the factory differ from that of the farm?

- 10. How did the relationship between the worker and the product change?
- 11. What was the “division of labor” and why was it good for owners, but bad for workers?
- 12. How were the “hands”, or workers, viewed by the factory owners?

- 13. Describe 5 of the harsh working conditions in factories. Why did people stay?
- 14. Why did women have little chance for advancement in factory work?
- 15. Why was working in factories and mines particularly dangerous and unhealthy for children?

- **Homework**

- *In a 150-200 word essay explain what your day-to-day life is like as a typical factory worker in the late 1800's. Explain who else in your family works and why.*