

Questions – Brinkley Chapter 10 – America's Economic Revolution

1. What were the responses among Americans to immigration in the mid-19th century America? Do you see any parallels to responses to immigration today?
2. How was there a revolution in transportation and communications during the first half of the 19th century? What impact did this have on the American economy? Do you think the development of the internet has had a similar impact in the past two decades? Explain.
3. How did technological developments and government policies contribute to the emergence of the factory?
4. How did the industrial workforce change between the 1820s and the 1840s? wWhat were the effect on American society of changes in the workforce?
5. Explain the “cult of domesticity.” What reinforced that “ideal”? What impact did it have on women's lives? Did it affect all women (consider class and race).
6. What significant changes took place in agriculture in the north and west during the first half of the 19th century? To what extent were the North, South, and West economically integrated by the mid 19th century?