



GUIDED READING ACTIVITY 8-1

Economic Growth

Directions: Answering Questions Reading the section and answering the questions below will help you learn more about the growth in industry, trade, and cities in the early 1800s. Refer to your textbook to answer the questions.

1. How did the geography of New England encourage industrial development there?

2. What is the economic system of the United States called?

3. What are the major elements of the free enterprise system?

4. Where were most mills built, and why were they built there?

5. What was the advantage of the cotton gin over cleaning cotton by hand?

6. What is the factory system?

7. What innovation opened the way for producing many different kinds of goods on a mass scale?

8. Where did most Americans live and work in the 1820s?

9. What three factors encouraged people to invest in new industries?

10. What are some reasons people were attracted to cities?
