

Homework – American History
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1. Construct a graph to show the change in percentage of people who lived in cities in the U.S in 1860 and 1900.
 - Title = Percentage of Americans Living in Cities
 - vertical axis = Percentage of Population (in increments of 10%)
 - horizontal axis = Years

2. Construct a graph to show the change in railroad mileage in the U.S between 1861 and 1900.
 - Title = Miles of Railroad Track in the U.S.
 - vertical axis = Miles of Track (in increments of 10, 000 miles)
 - horizontal axis = Years

3. Construct a web diagram to show how railroads stimulated the national economy.

4. Why was it necessary to form *corporations* to build railroads?

5. Use the following items to create a flow chart titled, The Growth of the Steel Industry.
 - Steel is needed for railroads because iron rails are not strong enough.
 - Henry Bessemer develops a method to mass produce inexpensive steel.
 - Large deposits of iron ore are discovered in Minnesota
 - Coalfields near Pittsburgh, PA, provided cheap fuel to smelt iron ore and create steel
 - Steel became the basic building material of the industrial age
 - Pittsburgh became the center of the steel industry

6. Construct a chart titled, The Captains of Industry. Include the following people and the industries they came to dominate:
 - Cornelius Vanderbilt
 - Andrew Carnegie
 - John D. Rockefeller

7. Explain the relationship between *monopoly* and the formation of *trusts*.