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| 1810 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congress approves funds for a National Road (1806) • First American textile factory opens in Waltham, Massachusetts (1814) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congress outlaws Atlantic slave trade (1776–1809) • Andrew Jackson forces Creeks to relinquish millions of acres during War of 1812 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Struggle to expand the suffrage begins with Maryland reformers • Martin Van Buren creates first statewide political machine (1817–1821) • Missouri crisis (1819–1821) over slavery | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In rural areas, people of different ranks share a common culture • Upper-class women sponsor charitable organizations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Colonization Society (1817) • Benjamin Franklin's <i>Autobiography</i> (1818) spreads notion of the self-made man |
| 1820 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New England shoe industry expands • Erie Canal completed (1825) • Henry Clay's "American System" of government-assisted development • Market economy expands nationwide | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slave trade moves African Americans west • Rural women take factory work, alter gender roles | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rise of Andrew Jackson and Democratic Party • Anti-Masonic Party and Working Men's Party rise and decline | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benevolent reform movements • Emerson champions transcendentalism • Charles Finney and others advance revivalist religion • Industrialism fragments society into more distinct classes and cultures | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Walker's <i>Appeal . . . to the Colored Citizens</i> (1829) attacks slavery • Rise of southern sectionalism |
| 1830 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U.S. textiles compete with British goods • Canal systems expand trade in eastern U.S. • Financial panic of 1837 begins six-year depression • Boom in cotton output • Increase in waged work sparks conflict between labor and capital | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indian Removal Act (1830) forces native peoples west • Cherokees' "Trail of Tears" (1838) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tariff battles (1828, 1832) and nullification • Whig Party forms (1834) • Jackson destroys Second Bank, expands executive power | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temperance crusade expands • Joseph Smith and Mormonism • Middle-class culture spreads • Slavery defended as a "positive good" • Urban popular culture (sex trade and minstrelsy) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • W. L. Garrison's American Anti-Slavery Society (1833) • Female Moral Reform Society (1834) defines gender identity • Texas gains independence (1836) |
| 1840 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American machine tool industry expands • Walker Tariff moves U.S. toward "free trade" system and principles of "classical liberalism" | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working-class districts emerge in cities • German and Irish immigrants spark nativist movement • Mormons resettle in Utah | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Log cabin campaign (1840) • Second Party System flourishes • Lawyers emerge as political leaders | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fourierist and other communal settlements • Seneca Falls Convention (1848) calls for women's rights | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antislavery Liberty Party (1840) • New African American culture develops in Mississippi Valley |
| 1850 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Severe recession cuts industrial jobs (1858) • Railroads connect Midwest and eastern ports • Cotton production and prices rise, as does the cost of enslaved laborers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immigrants replace native-born women in textile mills • White farm families settle trans-Mississippi west | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reform becomes political: states enact Maine-style temperance laws (1851 on) • "Mormon War" over polygamy (1858) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Renaissance: Melville, Whitman, and Hawthorne • Harriet Beecher Stowe's <i>Uncle Tom's Cabin</i> (1852) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black and white preachers promote Christianity among slaves • Free blacks in North become politically active |