



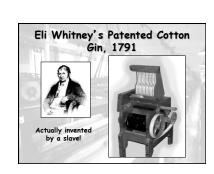
Resourcefulness & Experimentation

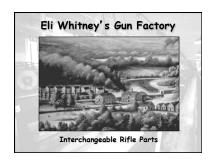
Americans were willing to try anything.

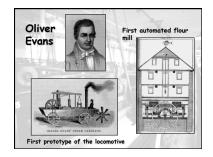
They were first copiers, then innovators.

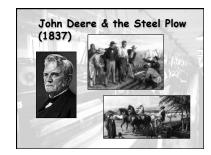
1800 > 41 patents were approved.

1860 > 4,357 " "

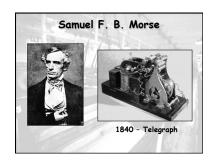


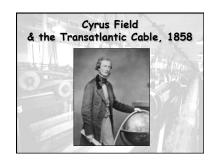


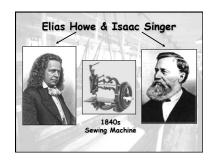






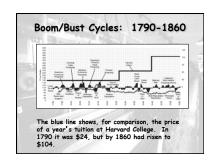






## The "American Dream" They all regarded material advance as the natural fruit of American republicanism & proof of the country's virtue and promise. A German visitor in the 1840s, Friedrich List, observed: Anything new is quickly introduced here, including all of the latest inventions. There is no clinging to old ways. The moment an American hears the word "invention," he pricks up his ears.





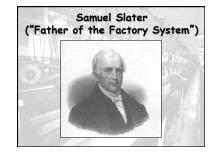
## Creating a Business-Friendly Climate Supreme Court Rulings: \* Fletcher v. Peck (1810) \* Dartmouth v. Woodward (1819) \* McCulloch v. Maryland (1819) \* Gibbons v. Ogden (1824) \* Charles Rivers Bridge v. Warren Bridge (1835)

- General Incorporation Law → passed in New York, 1848.

Laissez faire → BUT, govt. did much to assist capitalism!

## Distribution of Wealth

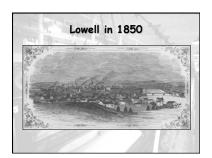
- During the American Revolution, 45% of all wealth in the top 10% of the population.
- 1845 Boston → top 4% owned over 65% of the wealth.
- 1860 Philadelphia → top 1% owned over 50% of the wealth.
- The gap between rich and poor was widening!

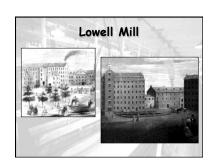


## The Lowell/Waltham System: First Dual-Purpose Textile Plant



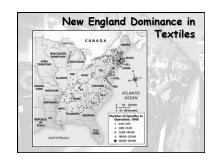
Francis Cabot Lowell's town - 1814

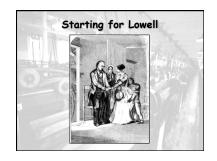


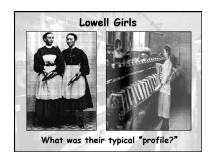




















I'm a Factory Girl Filled with Wishes

I'm a factory girl

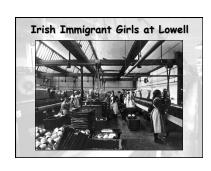
Everyday filled with fear
From breathing in the poison air

Wishing for windows!
I'm a factory girl

Tired from the 13 hours of work each day
And we have such low pay

Wishing for shorten work times!
I'm a factory girl

Never having enough time to eat
Nor to rest my feet
Wishing for more free time!
I'm a factory girl
Sick of all this harsh conditions
Making me want to sign the petition!
So do what I ask for because I om a factory girl
And I'm hereby speaking for all the rest!



The Early Union Movement

Workingman's Party (1829)

\* Founded by Robert Dale Owen and others in New York City.

Early unions were usually local, social, and weak.

Commonwealth v. Hunt (1842).

Worker political parties were ineffective until the post-Civil Warperiod.





