

Chapter 18
The Industrial
Age: North, South,
and West





What do you think?

The Industrial Revolution transformed the West more than the North or the South.

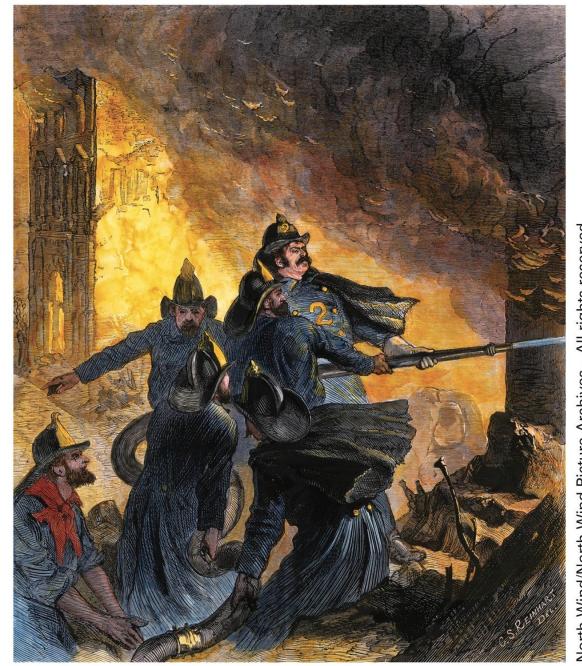
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The North

 Most of the massive industries of the Industrial Age emerged in the north and as the cities grew, disparities between the wealthy and the poor grew.

Urbanization

 Between 1870 and 1920, the number of Americans living in cities increased from 10 million to 54 million



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Tenement Life

 Crowded slum houses in urban areas, which mostly housed immigrants



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Wealthy Neighborhoods

 Successful industrialists devoted enormous resources to the building of cultural institutions and the development of wealthy neighborhoods



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Suburbs

 When the middle classes decided to flee cities in the late nineteenth century, suburbs began their initial growth



Entertainments

- Coney Island
- National League/American League
- World Series



Immigration

 Between 1880 and 1920, approximately 25 million people came to the United States

The Immigrant Experience

- Greenhorns
- Ellis Island

Ethnicity, Assimilation, and the American Dream

 America's cities evolved into complex mosaics of ethnic neighborhoods

The "New South"

- Two components of the New South:
 - The halting and haphazard creation of an industrialized South
 - The quick and summary creation of a racial caste system

Southern Industries

- Railroads
- Iron Production
- Cotton and Textiles
- Tobacco
- Industrial Failures



Southern Urbanization

- Industrializing cities:
 - Birmingham
 - Atlanta
 - Nashville
 - Memphis

Segregation in the New South

- Racial Disenfranchisement
- Jim Crow Segregation
- Plessy v. Ferguson
- Lynching
- African American Responses

Society and Culture in the Postwar South

- The Myth of the Lost Cause
- African American Cultural Life
- Black Literacy and Educational Institutions
- Religious Life



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The Industrializing West

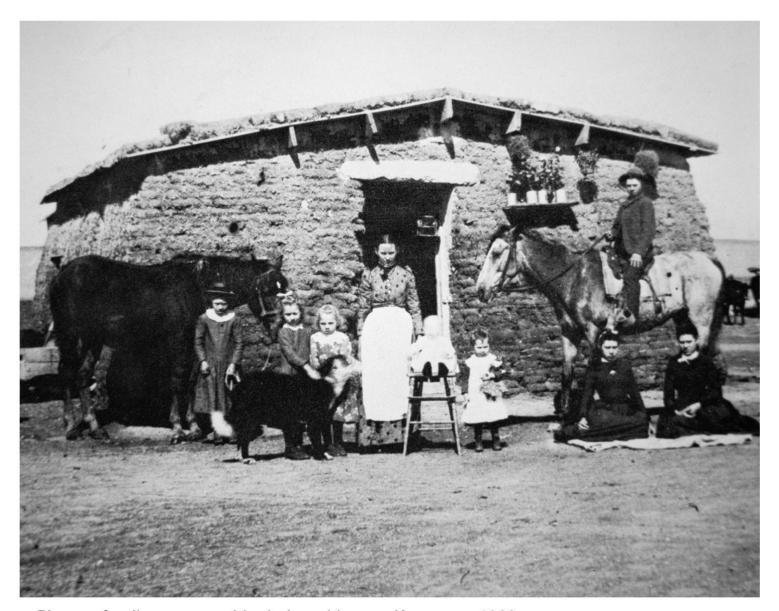
 Those most interested in the development of the West were corporate interests, usually with bases in the corporate capitals of the North



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Expansive Farming

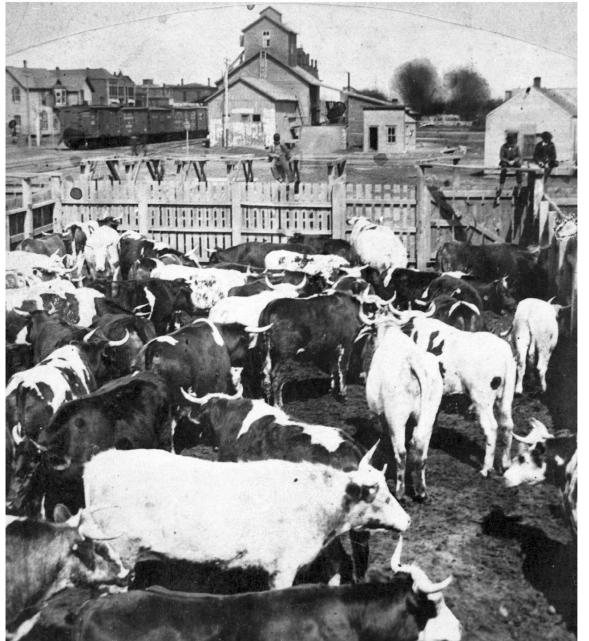
- The Homestead Act
- Industrial Farming
- Bonanza Farms



Pioneer family pose outside their sod house, Kansas, c. 1860 (b/w photo), American Photographer (19th century) / Private Collection, Peter Newark American Pictures / The Bridgeman Art Library

Industry in the West

- The Railroads
- The Cattle Industry
- The Mining Industry



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Western Cities

- Huge cities emerged rapidly in the West
- Chicago fastest growing city

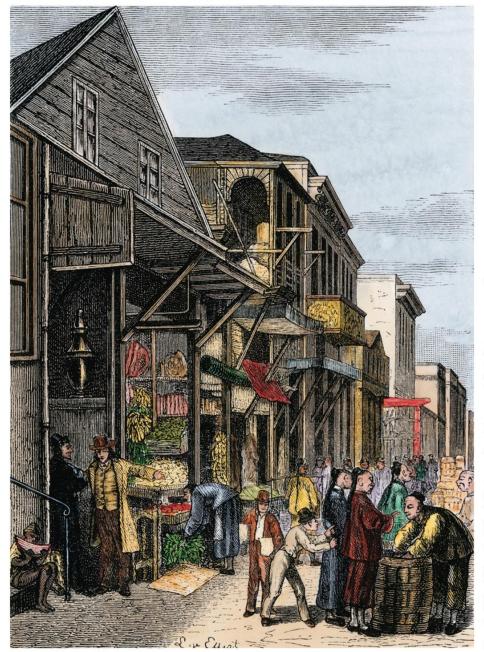
Outsiders in the Industrializing West

- Subjugating the Plains Indians
- The Dawes Act
- Dire Circumstances
- Last Attempts at Resistance
- The Chinese Exclusion Act

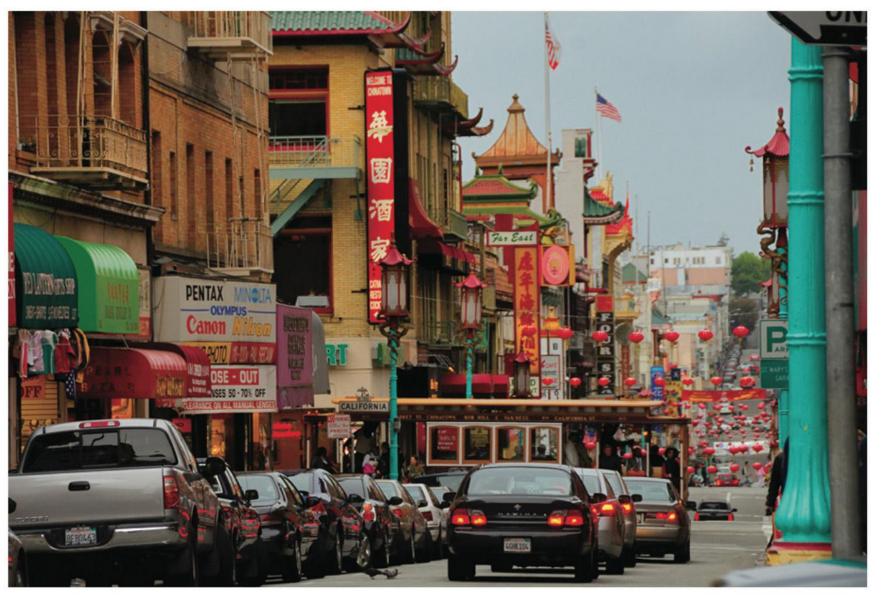




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The Populists

 Championed the cause of farmers over the entrenched powers of banking and credit



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Problems Confronting Farmers

- Distance between western farms and eastern markets
- Sharecropping as a Problem in the South
- Deflation

Farmers Unite

- Emergence of the Grange Movement
- Rise of the Farmers' Alliance
- The Turn to Politics

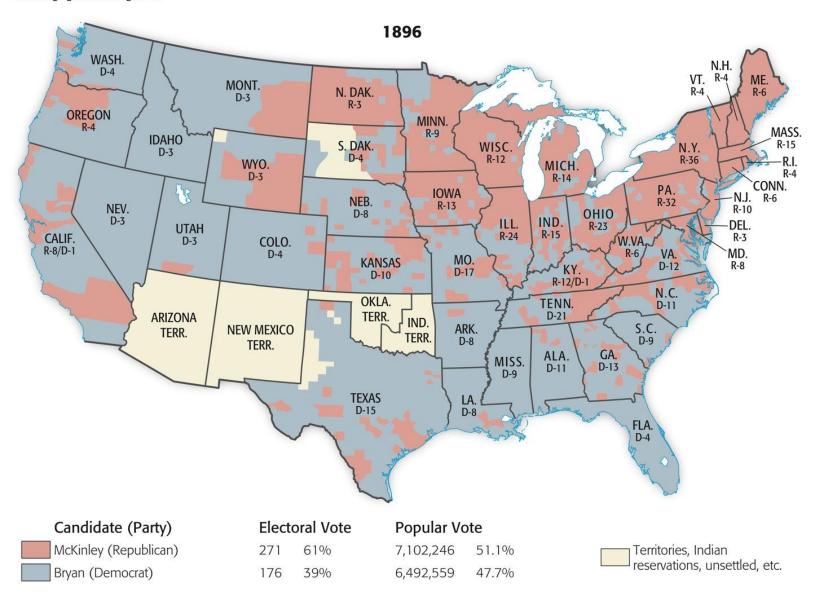
Populism

- A National Movement
- The Presidential Election of 1896
- The Vanishing of the Populists



Map 18.2. The Election of 1896

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What else was happening	
1876	A horse named Comanche is the only survivor from the losing side in the Battle of Little Bighorn.
1885	The first modern hamburger is made in Seymour, Wisconsin.
1890	Pharmacist Caleb Bradham produces "Brad's Drink" as a digestive aid and energy booster; in 1898 it would be renamed Pepsi-Cola.
1893	The melody for "Happy Birthday to You" is copy-righted.

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