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What impact did Industrialization have on American society?:

WESTWARD EXPANSION AND THE TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILROAD

After examining the picture, *American Progress*, answering the following questions:

1. What symbolizes progress in this painting?
2. Why is the left portion of the painting darker than the right?
3. Based off of this picture, what do you think Manifest Destiny means?



John O'Sullivan, "The Great Nation of Futurity," 1839

3. What does John O'Sullivan think America stands for?
4. What, according to John O'Sullivan, is America's mission?

John O'Sullivan, "Annexation," July 1845

1. What do you think John O'Sullivan means by "our manifest destiny to overspread the continent allotted by Providence for the free development of our yearly multiplying millions"?
2. Based on these two documents, how did Americans feel about expanding westward?

Transcontinental Railroad

Pacific Railway Act:

The Union Pacific:

The Central Pacific:



Additional Facts/Information:

***Did the railroads, in their wasteful competition, exploit farmers and workers?
Or did they make a better and freer life possible for millions?***

Directions: Use the primary sources on pages 38-41 to complete the exercise below. Find quotes from the text or evidence from the images to explain whether workers were being exploited (taken advantage of) or were given a better, freer life. Give a brief explanation with the evidence.



PULLING EVIDENCE FROM PRIMARY SOURCES

Exploitation

Better, freer life

EXAMPLE:

Visual #1 - "Railroad dealt harshly who bought or settled on the land"

- Led to violence
- The owner (octopus) grips farmers, government and other businesses
- They have control of them.

EVIDENCE:
Specific facts, quotations, paraphrasing, summary, data, etc., used to support the author's thesis & sub-claims

__ The author speaks, using no specific evidence.

Evidence is
__ accurate and
__ paraphrased (as needed).

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Evidence is
__ relevant to sub-claims and
__ properly cited.

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__ Evidence is specific.
__ Each piece of evidence supports its coordinating sub-claim.

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__ Evidence convincingly supports the author's sub-claims.