

A Changing Nation

Timeline Cards



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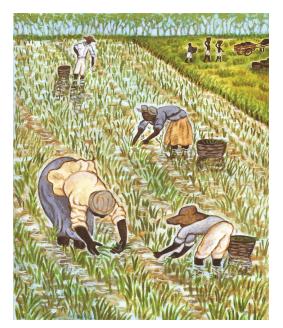
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Beginning in the 1600s, Africans were enslaved and brought to America to work.





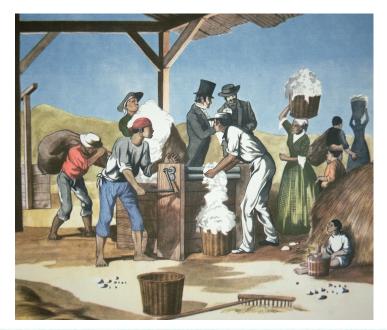
Samuel Slater opened the first cotton mill in the United States in the early 1790s. It was in Rhode Island.





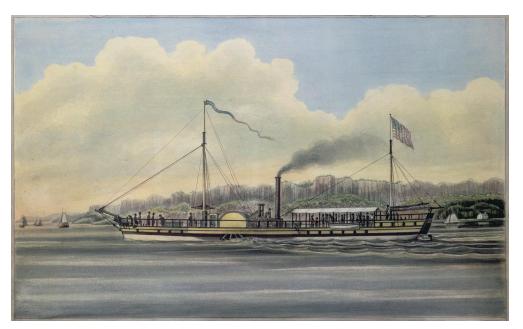
By 1850, nearly one hundred places in the United States could be called cities. Most were in the North and the Midwest.





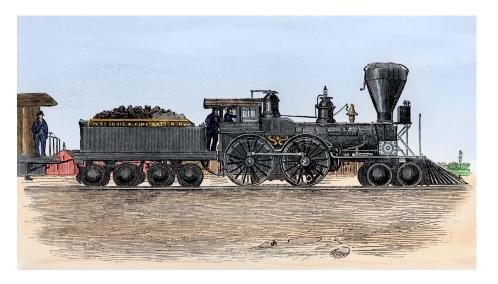
In 1793, Eli Whitney invented the cotton gin, which increased the demand for enslaved workers in the South.





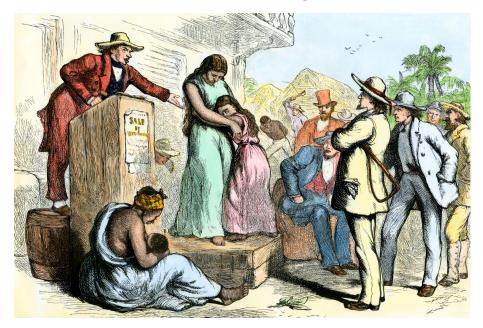
In 1807, Robert Fulton demonstrated that the *Clermont*, the first U.S. steamboat, could travel up- and downriver more quickly than other modes of transportation at the time.





By the 1840s, railroads had become the most important form of transportation in the country.





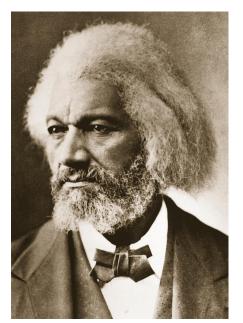
The slave trade still existed within the United States even after an 1807 law banned the importation of enslaved people from other countries.





In 1831, William Lloyd Garrison began publishing his abolitionist newspaper, *The Liberator*, which argued that slavery was wrong and should be ended.





Frederick Douglass published his autobiography, *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave*, in 1845.





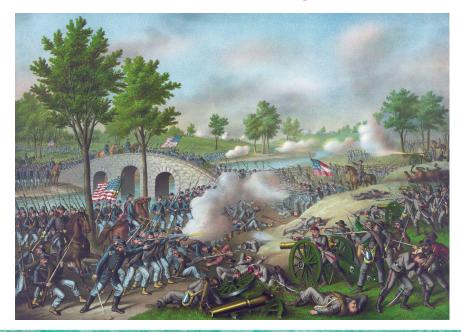
In 1850, Sojourner Truth published *Narrative of Sojourner Truth*, a book about her own life, including her escape from slavery.





Harriet Tubman escaped slavery in 1849. She later became a conductor on the Underground Railroad.





The U.S. Civil War (1861–65) led to the end of slavery in the United States.



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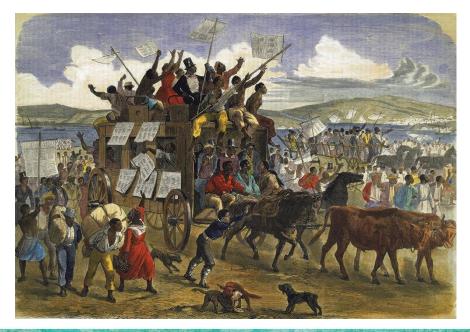
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and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the United States the eighty-Seventh ABRAHAM LINCOLN By the President

WILLIAM H. SEWARD, Secretary of State. NOTE .-- The rest of the slaves were afterwards freed by Legislation and Constitutional Amendments President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863.





The Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution abolished slavery in the United States in 1865.



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The first cotton mill in America, established by Samuel Slater on the Blackstone River at Pawtucket, Rhode Island, c.1790 (oil on canvas), American School, (18th century) / Smithsonian Institution, Washington DC, USA / Bridgeman Images: 4

