

Social Studies Chapter 8 Vocabulary

Profit	The money a business earns after all its expenses are paid
Mass Production	To produce many things at once, usually with machinery
Industrial Revolution	The period when there was a shift from making goods by hand at home to making them in a factory
Canal	A human-made waterway
Vaquero	A Mexican cowboy
Annex	To take territory and join it to a state or country
Missouri Compromise	A law passed by Congress in 1820 that allowed Maine to enter the Union as a slave state

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Manifest destiny	The belief that the United States had a right to add territory until it reached the Pacific Ocean
Wagon train	A line of wagons traveling as a group
Prairie schooner	A covered wagon with large wheels, used for transportation to the West
Persecution	Poor treatment of a person or group based on their religion
Gold rush	The quick movement of people to a place where gold has been discovered
Entrepreneur	Someone who takes a risk to start a business

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Discrimination	Unfair treatment
Pony Express	Mail service to California provided by riders on swift horses