

Chapter Five

Social Studies Study Guide

Vocabulary:

Patent: A document that gives someone the right to make and sell an invention

Sweatshop: Clothing factory that was crowded, dirty, and unsafe

Labor Union: A workers' group that tries to gain better pay and working conditions

Lighthouse: Tower with bright lights at the top that help to guide ships at sea in the night

Crispus Attucks: The first colonist to die in the Boston Massacre

Appalachian Mountains: Mountain range that stretches nearly 2,000 miles from Alabama to Canada.

Lexington, Massachusetts: Where the first battle of the American Revolution was fought

Rural: Areas with small towns and farms

Urban: Areas in or near cities

Key Points:

- The Wampanoag Native Americans helped the English settlers adapt to the land by teaching them how to plant, fish and cook.
- After many years of being forced out of their villages, five Native American groups joined together and formed the Iroquois Confederacy. This helped them become stronger in battles against the settlers and allowed them to keep others off of their lands.
- Many colonists felt that the laws British leaders passed were unfair because they had not been allowed to vote on the laws.
- Many children in the Northeast worked in factories in the early 20th century because wages were so low they had to work to help support their families.
- Industrial growth in the Northeast caused overcrowding, forcing people to live in poorly built and unsafe buildings.
- Elisha Otis invented the brake for the elevator, which made it easier and safer to reach greater heights in buildings.
- New York City was the busiest port for immigrant arrivals. In the 1800s, millions of immigrants passed through Ellis Island, an immigration station located in New York Harbor.
- New York City was the United States' first capital.

- Lake Erie and Lake Ontario are the two Great lakes that border the Northeast region.
- The four largest rivers in the Northeast drain into the Atlantic Ocean, which is on the southeast side of the region.
- 8 of the 11 states that make up the Northeast region are some of the smallest states in the country.
- The Northeast region is bordered on the north by Canada.
- People in rural areas usually drive to work, while people in urban areas usually take a bus or subway to work.
- Coal is a fossil fuel found in the Northeast.
- The largest hydroelectric power plant in the Northeast is found on the Niagara River.
- Many tourists come to the Northeast to ski. They contribute to the economy by staying at hotels and eating at local restaurants.
- Many people were overfishing the waters of the Northeast region, which caused a drop in fish populations in the 1970s.