

Growth of the Cotton Industry

Chapter 12, Section 1

As you read Pgs 376--381, answer the following questions. Use the back side if you need more space to write.

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1. Which region of United States became the cotton kingdom?
2. Which three crops dominated Southern agriculture before the American Revolution?
3. What happened when those crop prices fell?
4. What would cotton transform?
5. What do you have to do to cotton before it can be spun into thread for cloth?

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6. If done by hand, how much short staple cotton could be picked in a day?
7. Who invented and patented the cotton gin?
8. What is a cotton gin?

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9. Who were “Planters”?
10. What opened up more land for cotton farmers in the south east?

11. How did cotton production change from 1791 to 1860?

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12. List three advantages of cotton as a cash crop.
13. What was cotton’s one disadvantage as a crop?
14. What was the cotton belt?
15. Growing cotton requires many field hands, how did Southerners fill those jobs?
16. Who was the biggest Foreign trading partner for cotton?
17. A broker is someone who deals (arranges sales), what did they call cotton brokers?
18. How did most of the farmers ship their cotton?

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19. What was the primary Southern Food crop? And list five others that were successful.
20. What shortened the time for tobacco production?
21. What is an entrepreneur?

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22. What was the Tredegar Iron Works?
23. Why did Southern investors prefer to invest in land instead of investing in factories up north?