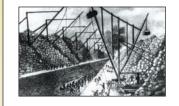
Timeline Challenge

Americans in the Mid-1800s

1793 **Invention of the Cotton Gin** Eli Whitney invents the cotton gin. Cotton becomes the most profitable cash crop in the South and transforms the South's economy and society.

Work Begins on the Erie Canal

Completed in 1825, the Erie Canal provides the first allwater link between farms on the Central Plains and East Coast cities.



About 1820-1870

The Industrial Revolution

The United States undergoes an Industrial Revolution, which results in the growth of industry, urbanization, and a more modern transportation system.



1831

Founding of The Liberator

William Lloyd Garrison starts the abolitionist newspaper *The Liberator*. In its weekly issues, he calls for the immediate freeing of all slaves.



1837

Horace Mann Campaigns for Public Schools

Horace Mann becomes the Massachusetts state supervisor of education and calls for the establishment of public schools and increased pay for teachers.



Walden Is Published

Transcendentalist Henry David Thoreau publishes Walden, a reflection on the meaning of life, society, nature, and the human spirit.



1790 1795 1800

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Harriet Tubman

Escapes Slavery

Harriet Tubman escapes

from a slave plantation

in Maryland. She later

guides more than 200

Underground Railroad.

slaves to freedom on the

1860

1865

1870

Congress Approves National Road

Congress authorizes the building of the National Road. By 1841, the road extends from Cumberland, Maryland, to Vandalia, Illinois.



1800-1840

Second Great Awakening

The nation experiences a revival of religious feeling that inspires many Americans to work for the improvement of society.



1840

Nat Turner's Rebellion

Nat Turner leads a slave uprising in Virginia. The rebellion results in the passage of strict slave codes.



Frederick Douglass Establishes The North Star

Frederick Douglas founds The North Star, an antislavery newspaper. The newspaper lends support to other reform movements as well.



1848

Seneca Falls Convention

The Women's Rights Convention takes place in Seneca Falls, New York. Many participants sign the Declaration of Sentiments, which demands equal rights for women.